

WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Sunday:
Victoria and vicinity—Strong winds or gales, mostly easterly and southerly, unsettled and mild, with rain.
Lower Mainland—Easterly and southerly winds, fresh to high on the Gulf, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Pantages Theatre, Vaudeville.
Bamilton, The Auction Block.
Variety, Man From Painted Post.
Royal Victoria, Unionist Rally.
Princess, Labor Meeting.
Columbia, Laurier-Liberal Meeting.

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TWENTY PAGES

WILHELM ABOUT TO MAKE NEW PEACE MOVE; BRITISH STAND STATED YESTERDAY

In Christmas Message Kaiser Will Make Peace Offer; Its Reception Was Foreshadowed in Speech Lloyd George Made Yesterday

London, Dec. 15.—Kaiser Wilhelm in his Christmas message proposes to make a final peace offer to his enemies, "on whom," he says, "in case of rejection, will fall the responsibility for bloodshed in 1918," according to an unofficial Berlin telegram forwarded from Geneva by the Exchange Telegraph correspondent there.

This report of the imminence of another German peace effort comes almost simultaneously with the declaration made by Mr. Lloyd George yesterday that he would regard peace overtures to Prussia at the present time, "when the Prussian military spirit is drunk with boastfulness, as a betrayal of the great trust with which my colleagues and I have been charged," and that to set up a league of nations without victory for the Entente would be "a farce."

TEUTON GUNS KILL TEUTONS METHODS OF ENEMY IN ITALY

With the Italian Armies, Dec. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Austro-German troops are being driven to the attack against the Italians. Prisoners taken by General Diaz's forces to-day declared the losses in their ranks had been increased to staggering proportions by their own artillery, which under orders had put a moving curtain of fire behind the attack waves to force them into the charge.

The commanders of the Teuton forces, they also asserted, are adopting other coercive measures. All Austrian and German troops have been coaxed with great promises of better food and quarters if they reach the rich Italian plains.

The enemy's efforts to-day were concentrated in two wedges astride the Italian salient at Solarola. If he can keep constantly on the offensive his position is fairly secure, but the moment he lapses in his attacks and permits the Italians to assume the initiative his line of communications will be seriously menaced.

Heavy fighting is in progress on the mountain front in the north, east of the Brenna River. The enemy is attempting to advance his positions, as he has those west of the river, which would give him two lines of approach to the Brenna Valley and the open plain.

Rome Report

Rome, Dec. 15.—After an all-day battle yesterday on the Italian mountain front the enemy reached Col Caprille, the War Office here announced to-day. Nightfall stopped the fighting. The Italian troops held firmly on positions a little to the rear of Col Caprille.

Continue Effort

London, Dec. 15.—While a report comes that Kaiser Wilhelm will make a Christmas peace offer to the enemies of the Central Powers, Germany and Austria-Hungary are continuing their military drive southward from the Alps and coupling this attempt to crush Italy with the menace of a German offensive on the Western front, a menace rendered more serious by the release of hundreds of thousands of troops from the Russian front because of the virtual elimination of Russia from the war.

The attack in its present phase is centring upon Monte Beretta, northwest of Monte Grappa and just to the east of the Brenna. Advances from the front report only a very slight yielding in the face of several attacks in which the enemy sacrificed large numbers of troops.

The tentative thrusts which are being made by the Germans on the Western front of the Allies, as if a weak spot in the Entente line was being sought, are being countered after each hostile movement.

Sixty Divisions

Washington, Dec. 15.—The strength of the Austro-German invaders in Italy is placed by official dispatches from Rome to-day at 60 divisions. On the front line are 52, of which 45 are Austrian and seven German. Eight others, four German and four Austrian, are said by information from competent sources to be held back of the lines in reserve.

German Statement

Berlin, Dec. 15.—More than 3,000 prisoners have been taken by the Austro-German forces during the fighting of the past few days on the Italian front between Brenna and the Piave, army headquarters here announced to-day. Some captures of cannon and machine guns also were effected. Italian counter-attacks against positions taken were repulsed.

FINANCE COUNCIL OF ALLIES AT WORK; PRESIDENT CHOSEN

London, Dec. 15.—The Inter-Allied Council, which is to take up questions of war purchases and finances, met in London to-day. Oscar T. Crosby, Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury, was elected president.

Lenine and Trotzky So Despotic Even Bolshevik Murmur

London, Dec. 15.—All advice reaching here agree that force is the only law in Russia to-day, and the strongest force for the moment is wielded by the Bolsheviks, who under the guidance of Lenine and Trotzky are said to have established a despotic regime against which many of the Bolsheviks are murmuring.

5,000 Sailors Toll Teutons Have Taken of Neutral Norway

London, Dec. 15.—It is stated officially that Norway has lost 5,000 sailors during the war, a Central News dispatch from Christiania reports.

The sinking of two more steamships is reported in the dispatch.

FOG OF WAR IS OVER RUSSIA LITTLE NEWS IS COMING OUT

London, Dec. 15.—Press dispatches from Petrograd throw little light on the military situation in Southern Russia. The official statements issued in Petrograd are confusing and there are various reports regarding General Kaledines and General Korniloff, whose present whereabouts and fortunes are not known definitely. The fog of war has settled down over all Russia, says the Petrograd correspondent of The London Post, although very little actual warfare has developed.

The people of Petrograd are said to be more interested in the attitude of the Bolsheviks toward the Constituent Assembly than in the Russo-German negotiation or the civil war in the south. The Bolsheviks still are represented as being determined to prevent the Constituent Assembly from taking on any complexion except a reflection of their own views, but there apparently is a sharp disagreement among the leaders as to the best methods, and angry discussions are reported to have occurred.

Kaledines Arrested? Petrograd, Dec. 14, via London, Dec. 15.—The cities of Rostov, Nakhichevan and Taganrog, in the Don Cossack territory, are in the hands of Bolshevik troops, according to a report issued by the official news bulletin here. General Kaledines, leader of the Don Cossacks, the announcement adds, has been arrested.

Generals Kalkin and Bototsky and their staffs have invited the mayor of Rostov to go to Novo Tcherkassk, the Cossack capital, to discuss a suspension of military operations.

Disarmed. London, Dec. 15.—A Petrograd dispatch bearing date of yesterday says Bolshevik units at Kiev have been disarmed by the Ukrainians and sent to their homes. In one instance Bolshevik troops at Kiev resisted disarmament and numerous casualties resulted.

The Bolshevik committee of the 12th Army Corps has asked for the recall of Major Pichon, head of the French Military Mission to Russia, for protesting against agitation in the army against the Entente.

WRESTLE WITH COAL PROBLEM IN STATES

Efforts at New York; Cleveland Manufacturing Plants Closed

New York, Dec. 15.—With half of New York's coal yards empty and suffering in the unheated homes of the poor, the fuel administrators to-day exerted all their efforts to release thousands of tons of coal tied up at tide-water.

At Cleveland

Cleveland, Dec. 15.—One hundred thousand men were out of work and hundreds of Cleveland's largest manufacturing plants were closed to-day because of the coal shortage.

The companies affected, many of them turning out rush orders of war materials, depend upon the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company for electric power. Late yesterday the coal shortage caused this company to shut off electric current to all big industrial manufacturing plants.

The idle manufacturing plants will resume operation Monday morning, provided coal now being rushed to the Illuminating Company's plants is not delayed.

An Appeal

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 15.—In a telegram declaring that Cleveland schools, hospitals and other utilities will have to close unless they obtain coal immediately, Governor Cox pleaded to Federal authorities for a priority order which would permit quick coal shipments to Cleveland from eastern Ohio.

FLOUR DISTRIBUTOR FOR UNITED STATES

New York, Dec. 15.—George A. Zabriskie, a member of the New York Produce Exchange and New York agent for the Pillsbury Flour Mills Company, to-day accepted appointment as head flour distributor of the Food Administration. He will supervise the distribution of flour through the nation's retail trade from the miller to the consumer.

Trade and Balkans Figure in Berlin's Terms for Russia

London, Dec. 15.—According to one version of Germany's separate peace terms which has reached Petrograd from Stockholm, Russia must forever abandon her influence in the Balkans, while Germany shall have the right to export manufactures into Russia for 15 years without customs duties. Germany and Austria are said to have made over-concessional rights to Russia beginning from the day of the signing of the peace treaty and running for forty years.

SAID BY BOLSHEVIKI VOTING FAVORABLE

Claims Regarding Assembly; Masses Forced Berlin's Hands, Says Trotzky

London, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Petrograd Bolshevik sources claims that the results of the elections to the Constituent Assembly in the Fifth and Twelfth Army Corps and in the army in Finland give the Bolsheviks an overwhelming majority.

The next strongest vote, it is asserted, was cast in favor of the Revolutionary Socialists.

Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, in a speech delivered in Petrograd, reviewing the work of the administration, said it was impossible to reform the Socialist construction of Russia in a month. "But we already have introduced a measure giving land to the peasants," Trotzky continued, "and are preparing the Ministry for controlling the expansion of production. We have taken steps toward peace on a general and democratic basis."

"The services of American engineers have been offered us for the re-organization of railways, and motor lorries have been tendered for the transport of food."

By the Masses

"The German Government opened peace' pour parlers with us because the discontent of its masses forced it to this step," he said.

Trotzky then referred to the movement of General Kaledines and Duff, and the steps that had been taken to crush it.

"The officials who worked for the Czar," Trotzky added, "are unwilling to work with the people, but we will show them that he who will not work shall not eat."

Trotzky concluded his address as follows:

"Strength and power can not come from above in a single month. It is formed from below by a continuous and implacable struggle."

OVER 200 HALIFAX PEOPLE BLINDED

Halifax, Dec. 15.—The directors of the Bank of Nova Scotia at a meeting voted \$100,000 to the Halifax relief fund.

Sir Frederick Fraser states that a committee for Halifax blind relief work has been formed. He received several letters and telegrams offering help. The situation in Halifax, he says, is appalling, with 210 blinded as the result of the terrific explosion. Sir Frederick says that as result of careful investigation he believes the estimate of 210 blinded is below rather than above the mark.

CLAIMED BY BERLIN A TREATY FRAMED

Is Said Agreement With Bolsheviks Has Been Put in Shape

SUPPLIES FOR GERMANS FROM RUSSIAN SOURCES

Amsterdam, Dec. 15.—A treaty between Russia and Germany has been formulated, according to an official German statement received here to-day.

Negotiations

London, Dec. 15.—A Petrograd dispatch, dated Friday, announces the resumption of the Russo-German armistice negotiations, and says they are now concerned with the transport of troops from the front, the question of the seas and conditions of fraternization. The Russian delegates are said to maintain their attitude in respect to transportation of German troops to other fronts, contending that the German should not send men from the east to France and Belgium.

The Petrograd newspapers announce that Germany has withdrawn her demand for disarmament of the entire Russian army.

Supplying Germans

Petrograd, Dec. 15.—The Germans already have begun to obtain fats and other sorely-needed supplies from Russia, according to information reaching Petrograd to-day. It was announced that credit institutions there had been advised that trade had been resumed with the Germans at Minsk and other points near the northwest-front. New ships have been opened, and the Germans are exchanging metals and chemicals for vegetables and fats, and especially soap. The price of soap is 15 rubles a pound.

ONE IN TEN STILL TO VOTE AT FRONT

Eighty-Seven Per Cent. of Canadians Voted Up to Last Night

Canadian Army Headquarters in the Field, Dec. 15.—(By the Canadian Overseas Correspondent.)—No less than 87 per cent of the total vote of the Canadian army had been polled by 8 o'clock last night. Some units already have polled 100 per cent of their ballots, while the general experience to date is that the number of men refusing to exercise the franchise is almost negligible in specific units, although the aggregate may be appreciable. As I culled some days ago, voting has been extended right into the firing trenches, while gunners have voted beside their guns.

The most dramatic of the incidents of the war election to date has been the securing of the votes of the men wounded in action while fighting for the Dominion and Empire and the great cause which brought them voluntarily to this most bitter and tragic struggle in the world's history. Election presiding officers, scrutineers and poll clerks brought their ballot boxes with them to the advanced dressing stations and voted men as they lay in bed, men so weak from suffering that it was all they could do to mark the ballots. In one station alone ninety men were voted, and they welcomed the opportunity to cast their ballots in what they regard as the most critical political contest in the history of the Dominion.

Election officers have taken boxes with them on the tramways behind the lines and have voted men as they worked. They have gone through the front line trenches, giving the men in the firing line an opportunity to exercise their franchise. Officials have worked all-day and far into the night and risked their lives in order to give every possible man an adequate opportunity to exercise the franchise. One poll clerk was seriously wounded and a presiding officer was sent down to the base as a casualty, while a gunner voting beside his gun was hit by shrapnel.

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Allies' Experience Is Made Use of by American Leaders

Washington, Dec. 15.—The War Inquiry Committee of the Senate resumed its session to-day with General Crozier, chief of ordnance, on the stand. After General Crozier had explained that the greatest existing deficiency is in large calibre weapons because of the time needed to manufacture them, Senator Chamberlain said:

"The situation is really better than I had expected," and added the expression that he believed "we are profiting by the experiences of the Allies."

ENEMY THROWN FROM PART OF TRENCH HE GOT INTO ON THE LINE NEAR YPRES

Considerable Part of Ground Lost Yesterday Retaken, Haig Reports; Artillery Activity on Verdun Front Reported To-day by Paris

London, Dec. 15.—British forces regained part of the ground won by the Germans on the Ypres front yesterday, the War Office here reported to-day, in the neighborhood of Polderhoek Chateau, in which our troops regained a considerable part of the trench into which the enemy had penetrated during the morning.

"Hostile artillery was active during the night east of Messines and northeast of Ypres."

Paris, Dec. 15.—"Nothing worth reporting occurred during the course of last night with the exception of rather lively artillery fire on the Beaumont-Bezonvaux front (northern Verdun)," a War Office report issued here this afternoon states.

Allenby Has Taken Some More Ground In Palestine Field

London, Dec. 15.—British troops have made another advance in Palestine northeast of Jerusalem, the War Office announced to-day in the following report:

"General Allenby reports that he further extended his line to the northeast of Jerusalem on Thursday, capturing 140 prisoners. Otherwise the situation is unchanged."

"Since Wednesday three enemy aeroplanes have been destroyed and another has been brought down."

BOLSHEVIKI HAVE ARRESTED AMERICAN

Said at Headquarters Member of Railway Mission Will Be Released

Petrograd, Dec. 14, via London, Dec. 15.—Charles S. Smith, of St. Louis, a member of the staff of John F. Stevens, head of the American Railway Commission to Russia, is reported to have been arrested at Tselita, Siberia, in company with M. Oustrouff, former Assistant Minister of Railways, who is held by the Bolsheviks as a member of the late Provisional Government.

Ambassador Francis has telegraphed to the American consuls at Harbin and Vladivostok to intervene. At the Smolny Institute, the Bolshevik headquarters, it was stated that if the American had been arrested it was a mistake and he would be released at once.

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LOCOMOTIVE STRUCK SIR GEORGE FOSTER AND INJURED HIM

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Suffering from a fractured collarbone, a scalp wound and several minor abrasions on the body, Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, is confined in a hospital here. Sir George was struck by an engine while walking to his private car in the Union Station yards last night. He was thrown clear of the rails and was able to get back to the station, where a doctor was summoned. He will be confined to the hospital for some days.

Sir George passed a good night.

REGULAR FORCES OF U. S. GROW RAPIDLY

Rush of Recruits So Great Baker Relaxes Original Rule

Washington, Dec. 15.—Secretary of War Baker to-day came to the relief of the thousands of men who had volunteered for the regular army, but had been rejected because of the breakdown of the recruiting machinery, by ordering that all qualified applicants who had presented themselves before noon to-day should be accepted even though their examinations and other details could not be accomplished until later.

Thousands of men seeking to volunteer before the new draft regulations went into effect at noon had been turned away because of the recruiting stations being swamped.

Classifying men

The War Department's huge task of classifying the nation's man-power for army service actually began to-day with the mailing out of the first five per cent. of the questionnaires. The mailing of the questionnaires will be completed speedily, and within sixty days more than 9,000,000 registrants will be divided into five classes as regards their liability for military service.

Graves in France

With the American Army in France, Dec. 14.—Via London, Dec. 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—The organization has been announced of a branch of the American army whose only duty is to arrange for the proper burial of American soldiers who died in France and for the care of their graves. The new association is known as the Graves Registration Service. It is under the direction of a regular army major and is a division of the office of the chief quartermaster.

A unit of two officers and fifty men is provided for each army division. They are to arrange for proper burials in their respective divisions, and also to take care of the divisional cemetery.

There also will be a headquarters detachment in command of a colonel and reserve battalions to be available for detachment with immediate assignment where needed.

The American expeditionary force has been assigned land by the French authorities for use as semi-permanent or temporary cemeteries, and officers have just returned from a trip through the country locating cemeteries which may be used for American dead.

Already two large burial plots have been fenced in and posted and a number of small ones arranged near the front as temporary resting places for the bodies of Americans who may be killed in action.

Each grave in the main cemeteries will have a cross at the head and an iron marker.

SIGNALS BY S. S. IMO CONTRARY TO RULES, DECLARES OFFICER

Halifax, Dec. 15.—Jean Baptiste Gloelin, first officer of the ill-fated munitions ship Mont Blanc, testifying to-day at the resumption of the Government inquiry to determine responsibility for the collision between that vessel and the Belgian relief ship Imo, which caused the Halifax disaster, said that the signals given by the relief ship just before the collision were contrary to rules of navigation.

Testifying that the munitions ship had followed the rules through the whole happening, he said he was surprised at the signals given by the Imo while the two vessels were heading toward each other in the narrows of Halifax harbor.

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LOSS OF AMERICAN PATROL BOATS REPORTED

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Navy Department last night confirmed reports that a small submarine chaser had been rammed and sunk off the Atlantic coast on Thursday night. The crew was saved.

The department also announced that Gunner Arthur B. Torpe and Seaman

Thomas J. Rose were drowned on Wednesday when a naval patrol vessel was sunk by a steamship at an Atlantic port.

FOR THE ALLIES.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—A resolution urging employers to encourage recruiting of British and Canadians who are exempt under the American draft was adopted to-day by the State Council of Defence here.

EFFORT BY GERMANS NEAR POLYGON WOOD

Repulsed by British Save on
Front of About 300
Yards

London, Dec. 15.—The following report from Field-Marshal Haig was issued here last night:

"There was local fighting this morning south of Polygon Wood, where shortly before dawn enemy troops attacked our positions in the neighborhood of Polderhoek Chateau. The attack was repulsed except at one point, where enemy troops succeeded in entering our front line trenches on a front of about 300 yards.

"Hostile artillery developed great activity this afternoon east of Bullecourt. There also has been considerable artillery activity on both sides during the day between the Scarpe Valley and Gavrelle."

French Report.
Paris, Dec. 15.—An official report issued here last night said:

"A moderate artillery activity was reported to-day. There was no further infantry action."

Repington Writes.
London, Dec. 15.—"We must expect half a million fresh German fighters on the West Front and many more guns and aircraft," declared Col. Repington, military expert of The London Times, in an article yesterday emphatically warning the nation that Germany is preparing her supreme military effort there.

"Owing to the Russians' disintegration and the Italian defeat," he declared, "the enemy is able to put larger forces than ever on the French front. There has been much evidence already of intensive transport of troops from the East. There are now 150 German divisions (about 2,250,000 men) on the West Front, and about 70 divisions (about 1,155,000 men) on the East. From the latter number, all those

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between nineteen and thirty-five are being withdrawn for service on the Franco-British front. Perhaps some complete divisions will follow. It is possible, too, that Austro-Hungarians will go to France.

"Germany's reinforcements will compel France to use her classes of 1918 and 1919 and to postpone any withdrawal order. They will force us to provide a steady stream of drafts for the coming year to increase our divisions afield."

"Britain needs at least a million men to maintain her existing forces during 1918."

"In sending so many troops to distant theatres, we have made bad use of our troops. A reconsideration of distant operations is necessary and pressing."

REQUESTS TO OTTAWA FROM NOVA SCOTIA

Many Are Urging Immediate
Interment of All Enemy
Aliens

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—According to wires received here there is a strong feeling in Nova Scotia that the recent disaster at Halifax was not accidental, but was a deliberate German plot—an act of war. The detention of John J. Hayes, pilot of the Norwegian ship, the Ima, a Belgian relief vessel, which collided with the Mont Blanc, has emphasized the suspicions of Nova Scotia. One of the few men on the Ima who are missing is the Halifax pilot, John Hayes. It is pointed out that nearly the whole of the crew escaped.

It is said that the pilot of the Mont Blanc will give sensational evidence that Hayes was not at his post at the time of the collision. Canadian and British service men are making an investigation.

So strong is the feeling in Nova Scotia that the Government is being overwhelmed with requests that all persons of enemy nationality should be interned. Employees of the Eastern Car Company, New Glasgow, have gone out on strike until some fifty or sixty aliens employed by the company are interned. An inquiry has been instituted by Sir Percy Sherwood.

Testimony.

Halifax, Dec. 15.—There were no Germans or Austrians aboard the Norwegian Steamship Ima when she collided with the Mont Blanc, Alex. R. Bjorssen, second officer of the Ima, testified at yesterday's session of the Government inquiry into the explosion here. So far as he knew, the captain and pilot were both on collision. He had noticed no change in the Ima's course prior to the collision. Twenty minutes elapsed, he said, before the explosion occurred. He said he did not know the Mont Blanc was carrying munitions, and he recalled that while he was below after the collision to see if the Ima was leaking, he overheard Third Officer Jonnas say the French ship could not be carrying munitions or she would be flying a red flag.

Edward McCrossan, seaman, who was the nearest eyewitness of the explosion, from his position on a steamship in the harbor, said the Ima struck the Mont Blanc near her No. 1 hatch. As the two vessels broke apart McCrossan noticed a tiny flame on the munitions ship, just at the water's edge. It grew larger and larger as the Mont Blanc drifted in toward the pier, where she blew up. The seaman was able to give a graphic picture of the disaster.

To remove unsightly stains on a white enamel sink, use kerosene oil and lemon juice.

ALLIES MUST WIN, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

Talk of Peace at Present
Period is Idle, He
Declares

London, Dec. 15.—"I warn the nation to watch the man who thinks there is a half-way house between victory and defeat," said Mr. Lloyd George in a speech at the annual dinner of the Grey's Inn Benchers yesterday. "There are men who think the war could be ended now by some sort of truce. They call peace by setting up a league of nations. That is the right policy after victory; without victory it would be a farce."

"Victory, declared the Prime Minister, was a question of tonnage. Germany was gambling upon failure of the United States to transport her army to Europe. The future of the world depended upon the efforts Great Britain and the United States make to increase their output next year. The food imports next year, in this connection, must be reduced 2,000,000 tons by increased home production and economy."

A call must be made upon the nation for great sacrifices, and more fighting men were needed until the American forces arrive to offset the burden that had been cast on the Allies by the defection of Russia and the reverses in Italy."

The Allies now must defend all fronts against the enemy and have a mobile army for any point of emergency, Mr. Lloyd George said, adding that the Allies had a superiority in manpower in France on the battlefield, and there were considerable British reserves at home.

Talk Is Idle.

"Of course, our enemies are ready to accept a peace leaving them with some of the richest provinces and the fairest cities of Russia in their pocket," proceeded the Prime Minister. "It is idle to talk of security under such conditions. There is no protection for life or property in a state where the criminal is more powerful than the law. The law of nations is no exception. We are dealing with a criminal state now, and there will always be criminals there until the reward of international crimes becomes too precarious to make it profitable and the punishment of international crime becomes too sure to make it attractive."

"We are confronted with the alternatives of abasing ourselves in terror before the lawlessness which means ultimately a world intimidated by successful bandits, or going through with our task to establish a righteous and lasting peace for ourselves and our children. Surely no nation with any regard for its self-respect and any honor can hesitate a moment in its choice."

"Great Britain's will is as tempered steel, and will bear right to the end."

Russia.

Mentioning Russia, Mr. Lloyd George said:

"This is not the most propitious hour. Russia's threatened retirement from the struggle strengthens the Hohenzollerns and weakens the forces of democracy, but Russia's action will not lead, as she imagines, to universal peace. It will simply prolong the world's agony and inevitably put her in bondage to Prussian military domination."

The Prime Minister also spoke of aerial warfare, declaring that the nations possibly would determine that this must be the last war in which air weapons are used, as they bring the perils and horrors of the battlefields to civilians at home who previously have dwelt in security.

Air Reprisals.

Baron Rothermere, the new Air Minister, in speaking after Mr. Lloyd George, said:

"My advisers have asked me to make a precise statement of our air policy. The questions of reprisals come first and foremost. At the Air Board we are wholeheartedly in favor of reprisals."

"It is our duty to avenge the murder of innocent women and children. As the enemy has elected, therefore, so be it—An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth—and in this respect we will strive for a complete and satisfying retaliation."

Catarrhal Deafness May Be Overcome

A Simple, Safe and Reliable Way That
Calls for No Ugly Trumpets, Phones
or Other Instruments.

To be deaf is very annoying and embarrassing. Many people who are deaf are generally mighty sensitive on this subject. And yet many deaf folks carry around instruments that call attention to their infirmity. Therefore people who are hard of hearing, who suffer from head noises, or who are actually deaf from catarrhal trouble, will be glad to know of a simple recipe that can be easily made up at home for a few cents cost. It is really quite efficient in relieving the disagreeable deafness and head noises caused by catarrh.

From any drug store get one ounce of Peppermint (double strength). Take this home and put it into a simple syrup made of 1 pint of hot water and four ounces of ordinary granulated sugar. Take a tablespoonful four times a day.

This treatment should by tonic action reduce the inflammation in the middle ear that a catarrhal condition would be likely to cause and with the inflammation gone the distressing head noises, headaches, cloudy thinking and that dull feeling in the ears should gradually disappear. Anyone who suffers from catarrh, catarrhal deafness or head noises should give Peppermint a trial. It is pleasant to take and is quite inexpensive.

NO IMPEACHMENT.

Seattle, Dec. 15.—The Seattle City Council, by a vote of 5 to 3, declined to adopt a resolution containing impeachment charges against Mayor Hiram C. Gill.



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NEW NAVAL COUNCIL OF ALLIED POWERS; HOW IT OPERATES

Washington, Dec. 15.—Creation of an Allied Council to co-ordinate the naval operations of all the nations at war with the Central Powers was announced last night in a cablegram to the Navy Department from Admiral Benson at Paris.

The members of the Council, which has been established in accordance with the plans of the inter-Allied Conference, will report to their respective Governments with recommendations for action.

The Council will be composed of the Minister of Marine and the Chief of Naval Staff of each country. Admiral Benson's report said in part:

"The Council will make all the necessary recommendations to enable the Governments to make decisions. It will keep itself informed as to the execution of plans decided upon. The members of the Council will report to their respective Governments as may be necessary. The individual responsibility of the Chiefs of Staff and of the commanders-in-chief at sea to ward their Governments as regards operations, as well as the strategic and tactical disposition of the forces placed under their command, remains unchanged."

CONTRACTS FOR 4,000 VESSELS IN STATES

New York, Dec. 15.—Contracts have been let by the Shipping Board of the United States for 4,000 ships, with deadweight carrying capacity of 3,000,000 tons, Raymond B. Stevens, vice-chairman of the Board, told the members of the Academy of Political Science at the opening of their thirty-seventh annual meeting here yesterday. He thought that at least 6,000,000 tons would be available next year. Because the navy programme had tied up 65 per cent. of all the available shipyards, leaving but 35 per cent. that

CUBA FOLLOWS LEAD OF BIGGER REPUBLIC AGAINST AUSTRIA

Havana, Dec. 15.—The Cuban Senate yesterday afternoon unanimously adopted a resolution declaring the existence of a state of war between Cuba and Austria-Hungary. The resolution was the same as that passed by the House on Wednesday.

The Board could utilize, he said it had been necessary to build shipyards, but much had been accomplished.

The great need is for man-power, skilled in the various branches, and if the plants were in full operation, Mr. Stevens declared 400,000 additional skilled men would be at work to-day in shipyards.

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Paris, Dec. 15.—The Spanish steamship *Preferida*, while steaming along the coast of Portugal, was stopped by a German submarine, telegraphs the correspondent at Madrid of L'Information. The officer of the U boat made a half-hour inspection of the ship, but left hurriedly when the submarine was menaced by the coast artillery.

LAURIER'S APPEAL HEARD ON COAST

Addressed About 8,000 Vancouver Residents Yesterday at Five Meetings

URGENT PERSUASION FOR QUEBEC PROVINCE

If He Should Win, Canada in War to Finish, He Declared

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—This city heard Sir Wilfrid Laurier's election message yesterday. Though in Vancouver less than nine hours, the Liberal leader addressed five gatherings of electors, one of them composed exclusively of women. In all about 8,000 residents of the city heard Sir Wilfrid. He was received at each of the meetings with very hearty cheers and listened to with close attention.

The first meeting was that at which the audience was made up of women. It was held in the ballroom of the Hotel Vancouver, where Sir Wilfrid began to speak at 4 p. m. From that meeting he went to four theatres, all filled to the limit of their seating capacity. At 8 p. m. Sir Wilfrid and his party left for Winnipeg, where they will receive the returns after the polls close on Monday.

By Persuasion.
Sir Wilfrid devoted the greater part of his time to the conscription issue. He declared his belief that by persuasion, and not by coercion, he could bring the Province of Quebec into line with the other provinces of the Dominion in the matter of enlistment. He held the Borden Government responsible for Quebec's showing and charged that there had been an alliance between the Conservatives and Nationalists which had spent Conservative money in teaching Quebec not to fight in the Empire's wars.

"If Laurier wins the election," he said, "Canada is in the war, and in to the finish."

"I am represented before you," he said, "as a quitter and a traitor. 'Traitor' is the ugliest word there is, but it has no terrors for me because I am well accustomed to it. In the past thirty years I do not suppose there has been a year when in some corner of the country somebody has not called me a traitor. In the not-distant past in Quebec they called me a traitor to my race and religion. I survived that. Now from another quarter I am denounced as a traitor to Canada and to the British Empire. I will survive that, for there is as much truth in one statement as in the other."

As a Canadian.
"I take my position not upon the ground of my province, nor of any other province, but upon the whole soil of Canada, and as a Canadian I appear to solicit your votes."

"I am called a quitter. It is said that if Laurier wins the election Canada quits the war. I answer that if Laurier wins Canada is still in the war, and in to the finish."

"From the day war broke out I stood behind the Government in all its measures to help win the war. I never intended to give it a shilly support, but I gave it the support of a free British subject, which I am."

Sir Wilfrid instanced some cases in which he had opposed the Government's proposals.

Sir Wilfrid said Sir Robert Borden had stated that the Military Service Bill had become necessary because voluntary enlistment had broken down. Sir Wilfrid denied that the reason was a good one, and stated that in the ten months preceding the introduction of the conscription measure in the Commons enlistment under the voluntary system had recruited between 6,000 and 7,000 men monthly—quite ample to provide reinforcements.

"What was the reason for it?" asked Sir Wilfrid.

Blames Borden.
"My countrymen know how to fight when they want to fight. At the same time I must say Quebec has not done so well as the other provinces in the matter of enlistment. But who is responsible? The blame rests altogether upon the shoulders and conscience of the Borden Government. They created the sentiment which exists in Quebec. In 1911 they made an alliance with Bourassa and the Nationalists to carry on war against Laurier, and the creed of the Nationalists was that under no circumstances should Canada participate in the Empire's wars. Blondin and Sevigny preached this doctrine and the Conservatives financed it. There was an alliance of this kind, but later it fell apart and then the truth came out. It was Tory money that taught the people of Quebec never to participate in the Empire's wars."

"I want the Frenchmen to fight. I shall make them fight, I hope, not by coercion, but by persuasion. When passions and prejudices have been aroused the way to undo the evil is not by compulsion; the way is to appeal to reason and sentiment, to mind and heart. These are the methods followed by the Laurier Government in the past and they will be followed in the future by the Laurier Government, if I am returned to power."

"I stand upon the broad principle of Canadian nationality. This is my pride and my reward. I am not appealing for any creed or any race, but simply on our common nationality and our Canadian citizenship."

Regarding Bourassa.

Sir Wilfrid denied that he was in any alliance with Bourassa to win the present election.

"Conservative papers," he said, "are

shocked and scandalized and shed tears over the alleged alliance of Laurier and Bourassa. I can understand that. Would they not be happy if they could show that I am as unapologetic as craving for office, as their own leaders were in 1911? Thank the Lord I am not built that way. There is no alliance with Bourassa. We are in different positions. I am in this war to the finish; Bourassa wants to quit it immediately. I am no quitter; I want to go on.

"There is not union government," declared Sir Wilfrid. "It is the old animal trying to put a new label upon itself, but it is the same old thing. It was the Borden Government three months ago and it is the Borden Government to-day. There is no change of government until there is a change of Premiership."

"It is very true that the Liberals who have gone into the Government made a very bad and prayed the Lord to be saved drinking from the old chalice. They were ready for union but not under Sir Robert Borden. But there was a tempter behind. Who was the tempter? Sir Robert Borden? Not at all. Sir Robert Borden is but a passive agent in all this. The tempter's name was Clifford Sifton. He laid down the snare and they looked at it with suspicion. They would not go into it, but at last they were caught. They put their necks in the noose. They repudiated their determination not to serve under Borden and they are serving under him now under the old system of government."

Sir Wilfrid recalled the words about putting new wine into old bottles. "The old bottles will burst," he said, "and this will be the fate of the Borden Government with its new accessories."

Sir Wilfrid recalled his attitude on the question of Japanese immigration which, he said, had cost him the support of British Columbia but which, he believed, had been justified by events.

Naval Policy.

He spoke of the Laurier naval policy.

"We were defeated," he said, "and the policy was thrown aside. You found yourselves in 1914, when war broke out, in terror because it was known there were two German cruisers in the Pacific, and the Government purchased two submarines as a protection against any possible raid. Who was the true British subject then? I claim I can place my record against that of any of my opponents in the naval programme."

Sir Wilfrid declared that his opposition to the Government's increases in the tariff had been justified.

"The money thus raised from the pockets of the people," he said, "filters into the Treasury in dribbles, but it has been paid out in millions to the profiteers. I opposed that policy. These taxes were not imposed with a view to winning the war, but for the benefit of the profiteers."

Was it judicious, he asked, speaking of the British preference to tax the trade of Great Britain during the war?

"Our own boys from Canada have covered themselves with glory by their valor," commented Sir Wilfrid in his address to the women.

"Yes, all except Quebec," interjected a voice.

Merchant Marine.

The Liberal leader, eulogized the men of the British merchant marine.

"The question has been raised," he went on, "as to who would the Kaiser vote for. Of course he would vote for the Government which is trying to destroy the trade of Great Britain which has escaped the submarine."

Sir Wilfrid promised that if elected he would go far beyond the ranks of his own party to secure the ablest men for his Cabinet.

Sir Wilfrid on his arrival here at noon was welcomed by officials of the local Liberal organizations, among others at the train being Hon. J. W. Dell, Farris and Hon. T. D. Pattullo.

Sir Wilfrid's first address was under the auspices of the Vancouver Women's Liberal Association, and was heard by close to 1,500 women. From this meeting he went in turn to the Avenue and the Imperial Theatres, and at 6.30 to a meeting especially for labor men in the Empress Theatre. His last meeting was at the Orpheum Theatre, where he did not conclude until just time was left for him to catch his train for the East. His fellow-speakers were Hon. W. G. Mitchell, of Quebec, and Hartley Dewart, K. C., of Toronto.

COAL IN THE STATES AND TRANSPORTATION

New York, Dec. 15.—The coal supply of the country is ample if we could but solve the problem of transportation. Dr. Harry A. Garfield, United States Fuel Administrator, declared in an address at the annual meeting of the Academy of Political Science here last night. Lack of united action on the part of the railroads, separate administration and divided authority added to the difficulty, he asserted.

"We are supplying more coal to Canada than ever before," Dr. Garfield said, "but in spite of this fact and the further fact that our demand is larger than ever before, the supply is ample if we could but solve the problem of transportation."

HON. C. A. DUNNING
SUPPORTS UNION

Regina, Dec. 15.—Referring last evening to doubts expressed with respect to the attitude of many members of the Provincial Cabinet here towards the issue in the forthcoming Dominion election, Hon. C. A. Dunning, Provincial Treasurer, declared that he is and always has been a supporter of union government.

A food faddist harangued a mob on the marvelous benefits to be obtained from a vegetarian diet. "Friends," he cried, "two years ago I was a walking skeleton—a haggard, miserable wreck. What do you suppose brought this great change in me?"

He paused to see the effect of his words. Then one of his listeners asked: "What change?"

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Trefousse Washable Kid Gloves, white, with self or black points. Special at \$2.25	Dent's Cape Kid Gloves, splendid wearing qualities. Special at 1.75
Perrin's Fine Kid Gloves, pique sewn, black, white and canary with black points, at \$2.50	Washable Cape Kid Gloves, in shades of tan and putty, self and black points, at \$1.90
Perrin's Kid Gloves—Black with white points. Special at \$1.90	Fleece Wool-Lined Mocha Gloves, tan or grey, at \$2.25
Perrin's Tan Cape Kid Gloves, good quality. Special at \$1.75	Heavy Cape Kid Motor Gauntlets, tans and browns. Special at \$3.00
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AMERICAN LEGISLATOR INJURED IN ITALY

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 14, via Rome and London, Dec. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—An army automobile in which Congressman George H. Tinkham, of Boston, was riding today on a visit to the Monte Grappa region on the northern mountain front, skidded over the mountainside and drop-

ped 20 feet. The machine was crushed to pieces, but the Congressman and the other occupants escaped with bruises; the chauffeur being seriously, but not dangerously injured.

Congressman Tinkham, who fired the first American shot against Austria, received slight injuries.

VLADIVOSTOK REPORT UNCONFIRMED AT LONDON

London, Dec. 15.—Up to a late hour last night the Foreign Office here, The Daily Mail says, had not received confirmation of the occupation by Japanese troops of Vladivostok. It is said the Foreign Office is waiting about it further than newspaper reports.

WANT NO IDLERS IN WASHINGTON STATE

Seattle, Dec. 15.—A resolution calling upon Governor Ernest Lister to convene a special session of the Legislature to pass a law compelling every able-bodied man in the state to accept employment and remain at work for the duration of the war was passed by the Employers' Association of Washington at its annual meeting here last night. It was attended by 125 members from all parts of the state. Every organization in the state will be asked to join in the appeal for an extra session.

PRINCE RUPERT MEETING.

Prince Rupert, Dec. 15.—A largely attended meeting was held here last night in support of the Union Government. J. Sedgewick Cooper and Col. J. M. McMillan spoke on behalf of Lieut.-Colonel Peck, the Unionist candidate for a seat in the House of Commons, who is now overseas.

AMERICANS WOUNDED.

With the American Army in France, Dec. 14.—Via London, Dec. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—A bursting shell wounded two American railway engineers working behind the British lines, according to reports received. The projectile struck in a pile of picks, shovels and other tools.

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ELECT DR. TOLMIE.

The immediate duty of Victoria on Monday will be to decide who shall represent it in the House of Commons. In the final analysis the question in every district is one of man plus his policy. If the chosen candidate is not all that a good representative should be his policy counts for very little. If he be a man of high principle, unchallengeable standing, sound ability and honest, patriotic motives, and advocate a satisfactory policy, the constituency which endorses him has every reason to be proud of its choice. Dr. Tolmie, for one, possesses these qualifications. He entered this contest as a straight, clean-cut Canadian and public-spirited citizen concerned only with what should be best for this Dominion in its greatest crisis. He had no active party affiliations. He had been engaged in constructive work in which he had displayed ability of a high order and in which he had won a national reputation. He accepted the Unionist nomination, at a considerable personal sacrifice, not from any selfish motive, but from a sense of duty. He has no axe to grind save the axe of his country.

Dr. Tolmie knows nothing of the tricks, expedients and subtleties of the so-called "practical politician," and cares nothing for them. And every honest citizen should thank heaven that in this solemn hour he or she has an opportunity of voting for a candidate who has the average citizen's common-sense point of view. If ever there was a time in the life of this country when the Canadian Parliament should be composed of men dedicated to national service and good works, there is in response to the call of duty, putting principle higher than place and standing four-square for the vindication of their country's honor, that time is now. And if every constituency in this Dominion sent to Parliament men endowed with such qualifications there would be no need to worry about Government.

Dr. Tolmie supports the Union Government subject to the performance of its promises in regard to war policy. He is not supporting it because of its label. Neither this Union Government nor any other Union Government, nor any Government, whether Union or not, would retain his support if it did not carry out the terms of the contract it made with the electors. As a private citizen Dr. Tolmie would scorn to violate a covenant; as a public man he would scorn to repudiate a public trust. He favors compulsory military service as part of a policy of national organization. He understands the urgency of maintaining Canada's position in the battle-line, not only for the sake of them who are there, not only because of the thirty-five thousand graves in Flanders and France, but because without that incentive there can be no adequate organization at home. The Times does not believe there is anybody in this Province capable of seeing the issue in all its aspects more clearly than Dr. Tolmie sees it, for the reason that his vision is not clouded by political partisanship or class prejudices.

Dr. Tolmie is deserving of the confidence and trust of this city not only for what he is, but for what he stands for. He is, moreover, a living refutation of the argument, in many cases dishonestly used, that the dispatch of reinforcements overseas would interfere with Canada's food output. He is one of the foremost authorities on agricultural production in Canada. He says that Canada can send the number of men needed for reserves and not impair her production of food-stuffs—as long as those men are obtained by the selective draft process. It would not be possible under voluntarism, even if voluntarism had not failed in any case, because under that system men who should be kept at home join the army, and men who could be spared for the army remain at home.

The Unionist candidate has nothing to reproach himself with in this campaign. Not one bitter word has fallen from his lips; not a note of recrimination could be detected in his speeches. He attributes no unworthy motives to anybody and, preaching national unity, has practised it in his attitude towards those who do not agree with him. The Times believes Dr. Tolmie and men of his stamp are needed in the public life and Parliament of the country, and it feels that the people of Victoria share that belief and will act accordingly.

TO VOTERS.

If a person entitled to vote has not been registered by an enumerated he or she can qualify on application at the polling station in the section in which either may reside. The thirty-eight enumerators will be in attendance at the various stations for the purpose of giving voting privileges to those who can show they are entitled to them and to give such information as may be required. Men and women who have been missed by the enumerators, but who have the other qualifications, should

press this in mind. We desire to impress it especially upon the women relatives of soldiers, eligible under the Act, many of whom, no doubt, have been overlooked in the enumeration, but who will have an opportunity of voting by satisfying the enumerator as to qualification on election day.

THE GLOBE'S ACTION.

The Toronto Globe has instituted action in the courts against a Wentworth man for stating that the paper's support had been bought by the Union Government.

The Globe will win its suit, but whether it will be able to collect the amount of the judgment is another question. If it followed the trail of the campaign funds of some of the dubious individuals who are shattering it, it might uncover some startling conditions.

Yet there is nothing new in these baseless charges against the paper which has so stoutly championed the cause of the men at the front, and stood unflinchingly for the honor of the country. The Globe has heard them before. Fifty years ago it supported the union of its proprietors, George Brown, the leader of the Liberal Party, with Sir John A. Macdonald, which made Confederation possible. The Grits in those days disliked Macdonald and his group even more bitterly than the extreme anti-Unionist dislikes Borden to-day.

Many of these stood by Brown for unity in the crisis. Others would not follow him. To them their party was everything; their country was a subordinate consideration. What mattered what became of the country as long as narrow partyism with its last breath could revile its hated political enemy? So they dubbed George Brown "traitor," said Macdonald had bought him and so forth. They could not understand how a political leader could make concessions and compromise with his political prejudices for the sake of national unity. And their descendants are using the same arguments against the George Browns of to-day. Time vindicated the wisdom of The Globe's action fifty years ago and it will do the same in respect of The Globe's attitude now.

AN ARMISTICE.

According to an Amsterdam report Germany and Russia have agreed upon a treaty, which probably means an armistice. Germany, we learn, has withdrawn her demand for the disarmament of the Russian army, and the announcement is the first intimation the outside world has had that such a demand was made. But, for the time being, it makes very little difference whether the Russian army is disarmed or not; as a military factor in itself it plays no part in the war situation.

Fortunately, an armistice or treaty signed by the Bolsheviks can be nothing but an interlude, and the Central Empires know it. It will help them elsewhere, of course, but not, perhaps, to the extent that they desire, and for which they requested the disarmament of the Russian army. Nevertheless, the fresh accession of strength received by their West and Italian fronts has imposed a correspondingly heavier burden on the British Empire, France and Italy, which must hold the line until the United States has its million in the trenches. For the next six months any public man in this Empire who takes chances on the vital question of manpower is playing into Germany's hands.

PARTIZANSHIP'S LAST STAND.

Canada is about the last camp of the extremist who believes that it is of more importance to keep his party "organization" intact, and the fires of political animus burning, than it is for the nation to fight with all its might for its existence. It is fortunate, indeed, for civilization that conditions here have no counterpart elsewhere. It was fortunate that when the war began the Socialists of France buried their deep-seated prejudices against the other parties and presented a united front to the invader. There was union between the French republican and the French monarchist. Think of it! Some of France's most distinguished soldiers are monarchists. It was fortunate, too, that when Great Britain was nearly ruined through the inadequacy of her party Government she adopted a coalition first and a Union Government next; that Tories and Liberals, Laborites, Socialists and Nationalists sank their antagonisms and got together for the efficient prosecution of the war. A few weeks ago Italy suffered a terrible defeat on the Isonzo and fair

Venice was invaded. What was the result? A Union Government—not altogether satisfactory to both sides, but still a long step towards real union. Why did Italy do this? Because she knew it meant her salvation.

People and newspapers in Canada who are striving for the suspension of narrow partisanship and political prejudices while the Hun is at the gate, are in good company, the company of those but for whom the party question in Canada would forever have been settled by the Prussian sabre.

Are William Wallace McInnes and F. C. Wade, K.C., better Liberals than the Hon. Frank Carvell, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. A. K. McLean and Hon. George H. Murray? Are they better men for Canada than these we have mentioned? In his heart of hearts Sir Wilfrid Laurier would not swap one Fielding or McLean or Pardee for a whole army like the twin from Vancouver, notwithstanding the fact that the former are supporting the Union Government.

Russia is out of the war for many months at best. The burden of holding the combined forces of the enemy rests upon the Western Allies—pending the arrival of the American main forces. Considering the time and circumstances the doctrine that Canada has done enough in the war, which is falling from the lips of Rodolphe Lemieux and Henri Bourassa, is unspeakably vile. Are they advocating Bolshevism for Canada?

Canada has oversubscribed the Victory Loan by a large amount. If the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux had his way not a cent of that money would be used for the further prosecution of the war by the Dominion. What would he do with it?

Press Comments

BE WORTHY OF THEM.
(Toronto Telegram.)

Canada's 35,000 graves overseas are witnesses to the ideals of our men who have fallen. Canada's men on the fighting line or in the reserves are witnesses to the ideals of the men who still fight. Canada's broken hearts and darkened homes are witnesses to the ideals of the women who wait for the boys who will come back or weep for the boys who will return to Lochaber no more. The ideals of this nation speak from the graves of Canada's dead, from the camps of Canada's living defenders, from the homes and hearts of Canada's heroic women. These ideals proclaim a glorious faith. In that faith soldiers died. For that faith British sailors and Canadian soldiers and other British soldiers and allied soldiers still fight. To that faith Canada's sorrowing women cling and read through their tears the truth written in the blood of their sons and husbands.

THE ALLIES' PEACE TERMS.
(The London Times.)

The story that we are bound by secret treaty to hand over truly German territory on the left bank of the Rhine to France, or to somebody else, has loomed large and spectral through this fog for some little time. Mr. Balfour hastened to lay the bogey. The story is a mare's nest. We are not parties to any such treaty, nor do the Government believe that any such treaty is in existence. Charges that our aims are "imperialistic," that they have been charged, that they are unascertained, are other items in the list of our iniquities which the Wilhelmstrasse circulates among its international dupes and disciples. Mr. Balfour and Mr. Asquith declared for the hundredth time that accusations and innuendoes of the kind are untrue. Our aims are the aims which Mr. Asquith laid down at the Guildhall three years ago, and which Mr. Balfour repeated in more detail in the dispatch covering the Allies' reply to Mr. Wilson's inquiries. There is nothing "imperialistic" or vindictive about them. They are so well known that it is superfluous to go through them in detail. The important point on which Mr. Balfour and Mr. Asquith lay stress is that, while they include the restoration of Belgium, of Serbia, of Alsace-Lorraine, and of other territory wrongfully held by the Central Powers, they must be looked upon as a whole. We mean to free Europe from the domination of Prussian militarism and to enable the nations to live under the kind of government they desire.

THE BRIGHT SIDE.
(New York Sun.)

A splendid tonic is in the words of Major Donald Guthrie, of the Canadian overseas forces: "There's lots of fun over there. There are no more cheerless and contented men on the face of the earth." He was talking, of course, about the soldiers in the trenches, who some would have us believe are pitiful, weeping, gray haired wrecks after a tour of duty. There are societies and committees for nearly everything nowadays. Not the least useful among them would be a committee for printing the Canadian major's words, bracketed with Brigadier-General Hoyle's hearty classic, "A soldier's life is a bully one." To be given to every man of draft age. It would serve as an antidote for much depressing drivel.

WARMED BY HEAT OF BATTLE.
(New York Herald.)

Some of the Scottish soldiers had left their kilts behind, caught on the barbed wire. With no time to mind the rents in the tartan they had gone on in steel hats and very little else. War correspondent's tale. "The taking of Lungtun," brought down to date by Terence Mulvaney and his associates, but under climatic conditions that only by their differences could remind them of the historic event in far-off Burma.

"WHOSE DEBTORS WE ARE."

Do not desert us in the hour of our need and our approaching triumph.—Lieut.-Gen. Sir Arthur Currie.

They who for many months have kept the gate, barring with redning steel the foe's advance; And they who smiling bowed their heads to Fate, Pouring their blood upon the fields of France. Now call to us, thy kindred o'er the sea— Who sent them forth with cheers and loud acclaim, With waving flags and songs of victory, To fight for us and save the Empire's name—

They call to us with voice insistent, clear, Borne on the winds by cannon's fiery breath, Relentless, stern, undimmed by craven fear, The cry re-echoes from the Vales of Death. They call to us to fill the broken ranks, To help avenge their gallant comrades slain; No boon ask they, nor even crave our thanks, They but desire to end the despot's reign.

Shall we, unheeding, pass along our way, Nor see the spectre stalking by our side; Forget how we were spared when dawned the Day, Forget how they have suffered—how they died? Forget the captives languishing in gloom, Half-starved, ill-treated, weary, sick, in pain; Shall it be said, "They left them to their doom, And so their sacrifice was but in vain?"

Shall we forswear the solemn vows we made, And evermore hang low the head in shame? Pull blither is the price that must be paid, To keep the torch of Liberty aflame. Leave we our sons to others in their need, And from our purpose dare to turn aside, Forgetting they have earned by mighty deed A nation's honor and a nation's pride?

Arie, O Canada, in all thy power, Fearless to tread the stern avenging path; Thy sons are calling! Fail not in this hour, And God shall fortify thy righteous wrath. Put ye your house in order, and unite, Though hearts are heavy and eyes dim with tears, Thy sacrifice shall lead thee through the night To hallowed glories in the coming years.

O Canada! I hear from coast to coast The mighty thunder of thy nation's voice, Flinging defiance to a sanguined host, Bidding thy weary war-worn sons rejoice. From forests' depth to mountains' crest of snow, O'er fertile plains the answering echoes leap; Triumphant, the waiting world shall know, We come, we come, our plighted word to keep!

—B. E. LEFEVRE.

AMALGAMATION OF BANKS IN BRITAIN; AN IMPORTANT EVENT

London, Dec. 15.—The latest in the series of amalgamations of prominent British banks is the fusion of the National Provincial Bank of England and the Union of London and Smith's Bank. The financial editors of the morning newspapers here describe the amalgamation as a development of exceptional importance and the greatest event of its kind in the history of banking in Great Britain, both in point of size and consequence. The new bank's title will be the National Provincial & Union Bank, and it will have total deposits of about £170,000,000.

LITTLE GAINED BY ENEMY AT A GREAT COST, DECLARES DIAZ

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 14, via Rome and London, Dec. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The enemy has brought a large number of his heaviest guns to the Piave and northern fronts and the bombardment has taken on an increased range and violence. Some of the shells have reached the front, eight miles back of the Piave and a few miles from the city of Treviso. Four hundred of these monster projectiles were concentrated on one point. General Diaz, the Italian commander-in-chief, sums up the results of the struggle of the last three days in the north by saying that the enemy secured an insignificant stretch of ground at the cost of an immense sacrifice of blood.

SLEET STORM DID CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—Judging by the amount of damage done to telegraph wires by Thursday's heavy sleet storm, both east and west of Agassiz, for a distance of 15 miles or more, communication will be held up for several days. The storm was one of the severest of the kind ever experienced in that region. Ice wrapped the wires an inch thick, the weight breaking them in many places. Evidently a fierce wind was blowing at the same time, for trees were knocked down. A considerable number of telegraph poles also are down, and the wind and weight of ice combining to break them. Railway trains which passed through the storm were completely caked with ice, and resembled ice monsters as they pulled into the stations Thursday night. It is estimated, judging by the damage, that the sleet storm was confined to a strip about 20 miles along the C. P. R. right-of-way. On account of the condition of the wires there may be some delay in receiving election returns from British Columbia reached via the storm-swept area.

WOMEN VOTERS IN VANCOUVER RIDINGS

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—A surprising number of women voters' names appears on the enumerator's lists here. An estimate places the number at 25 per cent. in the Vancouver seats. It is generally admitted that, aside from the soldiers' wives overseas, they will be a deciding factor. In Vancouver Centre there are 17,362 names on the voters' lists, with one or two supplementary lists containing a few names to be added. Of the names on the list above 4,300 are women voters. The supplementary lists that enumerators have brought in contain the names of many women. Before the supplementary lists were obtained the number of women voters was 3,725. In South Vancouver, in a total vote of probably less than 15,000, it is estimated that there will be 4,000 women voters, and in Burrard, with an estimated list of 15,000 names, the number of women registrations is at least 4,500.

GERMAN OFFICER GOT HIS LAUNDRY AND SURRENDERED

With the American Army in France, Dec. 14.—Via London, Dec. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—A story of how German officers are surrendering is told by an American officer just returned from the British front, where he had been undergoing instructions. One night recently a German officer crawled across No Man's Land to the British wire, raised his hands and cried: "Comrade."

The British soldiers covered him with rifles, whereupon the German said: "Excuse me if I lower my hands; I've got a package here." The surprised Britishers granted the request and the German dropped into the trench. In his hands he had a package of laundry. He said he had decided to surrender a week before, but had waited until his laundry came back.

COLD FELT IN AREA AROUND CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Absence of wind and Chicago's tall buildings protected the downtown district of the city today from a cold wave which was felt in the outskirts and suburbs. Towns within 25 miles of the city reported temperatures as low as 17 degrees below zero. The weather bureau here, however, reported that the coldest hour of the night was 1 a.m., when the temperature registered one degree below zero. By 10 o'clock it was 10 degrees warmer.

CANADIAN AVIATOR KILLED; ONE MISSING

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Flight Sub-Lieut. Joseph H. Moran, R.N.A.S., of Toronto, was killed and Sub-Lieut. John G. Clark, R.N.A.S., Black Manor, Alta., is missing, according to a casualty list issued last evening by the Naval Service Department.

AN ENEMY ALIEN.

Tacoma, Dec. 15.—Arthur Hinz was arrested by the military police at Camp Lewis last night as an alien enemy within the military zone. Hinz is a barber and has resided in Tacoma for a number of years. Lately he has been conducting the 351st Infantry barber shop at Camp Lewis. The military authorities declined to give any information as to the cause of arrest.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Christmas cheer will be brought to thousands of homes whose breadwinners are now in the army or navy of the United States through the redoubled efforts to-day of the War Risk Insurance Bureau to make the first family allotment and allowance payments before Christmas Day. Within a week Government cheques for wives, mothers or other dependents will be mailed.

RESERVE INCREASED.

New York, Dec. 15.—The actual condition of the clearing house banks and trust companies here for the week shows that they held \$170,846,450 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of \$71,802,140 from last week.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 15, 1892.

Mrs. F. G. Richards, sent, died yesterday at the residence of her son, 284 Yates Street, of paralysis. Mrs. Richards was an old resident of B. C., coming to this province in the early sixties from Cornwall, England. She was 71 years of age.

Mr. Jacob Sehl has purchased the interests of Messrs James Hastie and E. Erskine in the Sehl-Erskine Co., and will assume management of the whole business.

The choice of the new Bishop of Columbia has been delegated by the Synod of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

WIN-THE-WAR LEAGUE ALL FOR DR. TOLMIE

Meeting Held to Express Entire Confidence in Union Candidate

"NOTHING ELSE MATTERS IF FAIL TO WIN THE WAR"

That the opposition, being thoroughly convinced that Dr. Tolmie was going to be returned to Ottawa, and finding, now that the election campaign was drawing to its close, that they were unable to say one thing against the Union candidate, had stooped more and more to that curse of party politics—mud-slinging and abuse—was one of the statements made by C. T. Cross, Chairman of the Win-the-War League, at a well-attended meeting held last night in the Belmont Building at which he presided.

Unqualified approval of the manner in which the Union candidate had so fully come up to the expectations of the League was also expressed by Mr. Cross and other speakers, the former stating that the League, in the person of Dr. Tolmie, had found a representative who stood "four-square" with its entire platform. To publicly express that appreciation and confidence was the object for which the meeting had been held, and they wanted everyone to know that, in every way, the League was behind the candidature of the Union representative. The remaining duty of members of the Win-the-War League was to see that no legitimate effort was left undone to guarantee that Dr. Tolmie was returned, and returned by the largest majority ever given at an election in the city.

Big, Strong Man.

The candidate, went on the speaker, was showing himself to be the big, strong man they thought he was, and they knew that when he went to Ottawa the city would be represented as they wanted it to be represented. But there still existed the necessity for unceasing work up to 5 o'clock on Monday night, for the opposition, although now reduced to abuse of the late Government, and supporters of the Union Government in this election, were still very active, therefore they must keep working so that in Victoria, in the years to come, the men who placed party before country would not venture to open their mouths in public, and to show that the city, from an Imperial standpoint, was worthy the name it bore.

Real Issue Replanned.

Members of the Win-the-War League, said B. J. Perry, should congratulate themselves on being given the opportunity to support a Union candidate so thoroughly in keeping with their ideals as Dr. Tolmie, who would bring to the service of his country a valuable experience. The one issue, "Shall Canada do her duty to the Empire?" had been intentionally beclouded by the opposition, and cheapened by the professional politician, but it had been strongly supported by sincere and earnest patriots. The professional politician who had enjoyed of late was like the tiger that had tasted blood—he had acquired a craving which, unless satisfied, left to him no joy in life.

Canada's Duty.

If Canada did her duty every physically able man of military age would be sent to reinforce those who were playing the game to the finish. The British Empire would win the war, but it was unthinkable that Canada should not continue to do her part towards that end. If any should consider that they did not owe it to the Empire to reinforce their men at the front at least there he would donate \$5 to the Red Cross Society. The offer was declined. While he did not say that conditions here were as bad, in that respect, as in the mainland, much more attention and interest should be devoted here to this vital matter in the life of Canada. People in general, ignored the fact that the action taken at the election would have effects which would reach down through the ages. "Nothing else matters," declared the speaker, "if we fail to win the war."

Vote Will Decide.

Rev. Dr. Campbell pointed out that the 400,000 men who had gone to fight in Europe had done so in order that

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Plans Complete for Entertainment of Men of Resthaven and Esquimalt Hospitals.

On Wednesday afternoon the Women's Auxiliary to the Military Hospitals Commission met at the Alexandra Club, and completed plans for the Christmas entertaining of the returned men of Esquimalt and Resthaven hospitals. Invitations have been sent to the commanding officers, officers, the men, matrons and nurses of both institutions to attend the party.

The affair will be held at the Alexandra House on Christmas Day, and the festivities will commence with a supper served at 6:30. The men have been asked to invite their lady friends to the evening entertainment commencing at 7:30, which is to include games, cards and dancing. The members expressed appreciation of the kindness of the local Salvation Army in offering to play a programme of Christmas carols outside the house as the men arrive.

Following are the conveners of the various committees: The president, Mrs. Henry Croft and Mrs. Albert Griffiths, table decorations; Mrs. F. A. McDiarmid, refreshments; Mrs. Naylor, hall decorations; and Mrs. Raymur, transportation and programme. The ladies are sparing no effort to ensure the enjoyment of the convalescent heroes.

The Kaiser told Ambassador Gerard that he would remember the United States after the close of the war, and there is every reason to believe he will keep his word.—New York Morning Telegraph.

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In fixing the new prices for this Sale you will note that we have made two prices in most offerings, giving a range of five sizes to each price. Thus parents with small boys will not have to pay as high a price as those parents with big boys, 13 to 16 years.

35 Boys' Suits to Clear at \$3.95

Regular Values to \$11.75.

A small lot of Boys' Black and Navy Blue All-Wool Suits which we clear out at a ridiculously low price. These Suits are smartly tailored from the old quality materials and finished with bloomer pants. Sizes to fit boys 6 to 14 years. 35 Suits only in this lot.

75 Boys' Suits to Clear at \$6.75

Formerly Priced to \$13.50.

These are double-breasted models, made of imported British all-wool tweeds and worsteds, quality materials that cannot be purchased at any price to-day. Each model is well tailored and the pants are finished in bloomer style and with belt loops; hip and side pockets. Suits that will give endless wear and satisfaction. Offered at a mere fraction of their true worth.

Sizes 27 to 31, suitable for boys 9 to 13 years. Suits that were formerly priced up to \$13.50, clearing Monday at practically half, \$6.75.

Our entire stock of Boys' Clothing has been re-priced and included in this extraordinary sale to start Monday morning at 8.30.

We know perfectly well that when we go into the markets to replenish our stocks we shall have to pay considerably more for similar merchandise. However, we have decided that it is better for us to turn this stock into money—which is much easier handled than a lot of goods with not sufficient space to display them in.

Within a few weeks at the most we must vacate this section of the store—and we do not want to shift more stock than we are obliged to. We therefore take this means of disposing of the goods. Our loss is to be your gain.

All parents with boys to clothe should read the following offerings. See the garments displayed in our windows and then be ready to take full advantage of the great opportunity afforded to save when the sale opens on Monday morning.



Boys' Norfolk Suits at Big Price Reductions

All our smart Norfolk models have been reduced to prices that will ensure very quick selling.

These Suits are tailored in very best styles from strong, durable quality English tweeds, in dark grey and brown mixtures, fancy browns and novelty stripes. A big range to choose from.

Sizes 6 to 12 years. Regular to \$6.50. Rebuilding Sale price **\$4.50**

Sizes 13 to 16 years. Regular to \$7.50. Rebuilding Sale price **\$5.50**

Better quality Suits in similar styles—
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For convenience of selling we have grouped the balance of our Boys' Overcoats into four prices, which we feel confident will clear the stock quickly.

The styles are new and fashionable and can be had in both medium and winter weights. All beautifully tailored from imported English and Scotch coatings, also domestic tweeds.

There's the new double-breasted trench model, the double-breasted ulster effect and the Raglan shoulder style. Coats made for this season's selling, but you buy them at this Sale at prices considerably below their regular values.

Sizes 8 to 13 years. Regular values to \$11.50. Rebuilding Sale **\$7.95**

Sizes 14 to 17 years. Regular values to \$13.50. Rebuilding Sale **\$8.95**

Our Best Quality Overcoats—
Sizes 8 to 13 years. Regular values to \$15.00. Rebuilding Sale **\$9.75**

Sizes 14 to 17 years. Regular values to \$16.75. Rebuilding Sale **\$10.95**

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—Boys' Clothing, Main Floor

Great Clearing Away of Women's Suits at

\$9.75, \$14.75, \$29.75, \$49.75

Regular Values \$17.50 to \$75.00.

We are making a complete clearance of our Women's Winter Suits. We have therefore marked the prices down exceedingly low. In fact, we have made reductions equal to those usually applicable in the January Sale, and this at a time when most of the winter season is yet ahead of us.

There is a decided advantage, then, in buying your new Suit now.

The reduced prices and brief details are:

\$17.50 Suits Clearing at Rebuilding Sale \$9.75

Serviceable models of navy blue and black serge. Splendid for everyday domestic wear. These are very great bargains.

Values to \$25.00 Clearing at Rebuilding Sale \$14.75

In serviceable greys, navy and black serges, also checks. Durable quality materials. Recommended for good hard wear.

Values to \$45.00 Clearing at Rebuilding Sale \$29.75

A splendid range of Suits in rich but soft shades of velour. Very handsome styles and trimmings. Suits that could not be produced to-day at the price.

Values to \$75.00 Clearing at Rebuilding Sale \$49.75

This range includes all our better and high-priced models, also a few French models by leading masters. Values you can only appreciate by seeing.

—Mantles, First Floor

Brushed Wool Scarves and Sets Ladies Will Appreciate

Most fashionable designs and colors, and they are so cosy and warm for winter wear. A set will make a most useful Christmas gift for your lady friend.

Brushed Wool Set, consisting of cap and scarf to match. Nice soft finish and the shades are Copenhagen with white and rose with white. A set, \$2.50. Or sold separately at \$1.25 each.

All-Wool Sets—Cap and scarf to match. In shades rose with white, green with white and Copenhagen with white. A set, \$3.75. Or sold separately at \$1.75 each.

Scarves of Heavy Brushed Wool—A fashionable style, measuring 72 inches long and 9 inches wide. In shades cardinal, rose, maize and white. Priced each, \$1.50 to \$2.50. On sale in Women's Sweater Section.

—First Floor

500 Sets of Table Mats at a Set 25c a Set

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—Drapery, Third Floor

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Envelope Combinations of heavy Jap silk; Empire style; hand-embroidered front, trimmed with dainty insertion and lace. Special at \$4.50.

Bloomers of heavy Japanese silk, in white, pink and black; elastic at knee and waist. A pair, special, \$3.50.

Nightgowns of Crepe de Chine, made in Empire style, trimmed with wide Val lace and satin ribbons. Special, each, \$7.50.

Nightgowns of good quality Crepe de Chine, daintily tucked front, trimmed with flat lace and insertion; finished with satin ribbon rosettes. Each, \$8.75.

Nightgowns of Crepe de Chine, trimmed with Honiton lace and chiffon rosettes, in dainty pink and pale blue. Each, \$8.75.

Dressing Sacques of white Crepe de Chine, trimmed with Val lace and satin ribbons. Special at \$3.50.

Dressing Sacques of Crepe de Chine; Empire style; trimmed with Val lace and chiffon flowers, in pale blue, mauve, pale pink and white. Special at \$4.50.

—Whitewear, First Floor

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—Gloves, Main Floor

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Buy your boy new Shirts on Monday and save. Give him one or two for his Christmas present; he will appreciate any of the following—

Khaki Drill Shirts, finished with collar and pocket, strong and durable, full size in body; neck sizes, 12, 12½ and 14. Special, each, \$1.00.

English Union Flannel Shirts, with turndown collar or with plain collar band and band cuffs; cut full size in body. Sizes, 11½ to 12½. Special, each, \$1.00. Sizes 13 to 14, \$1.15.

Light Weight Ceylon Flannel Shirts, with double turndown collar attached and band cuffs. Smart fancy stripes. Sizes 13 to 14½. Special, each, \$1.10.

Print Shirts for boys and youths, in light fancy stripes; cut coat shape and full size in body, finished with collar band and double cuffs; separate collar to match. Boys' sizes, neck 12 to 14. Each, \$1.00. Youths' sizes, cut larger in body and longer in sleeves, 13 to 14 neck. Special, each, \$1.15.

Boys' and Youths' Print Shirts, in various light fancy stripes, cut coat shape and full size in body; finished with plain collar band and 3-inch starched cuffs. Boys' sizes, special, each, 85c. Youths' sizes, special, \$1.00.

—Boys' Furnishings, Main Floor

Fownes' and Dent's Gloves for Men Make Most Acceptable Christmas Gifts

These makes are known the world over as being the best and most satisfactory Gloves made. They are smart and comfortable fitting, perfect in wear.

Men always appreciate a pair—when they see the name on the button or dome. Give your friend a pair for Christmas.

Fownes' Heavy Tan Mocha Driving Gloves, nicely fur lined, all sizes. A pair, \$6.25.

Dent's Heavy Tan Cape Kid Gloves, wool lined, finished with wrist straps; all sizes. A pair, \$2.75.

Same Glove as above, in tan mocha. A pair, \$3.75.

Heavy Driving or Street Gloves of tan cape and mocha, wool lined, Dent's make; all sizes. A pair, \$3.25.

A large assortment of Men's Heather and Grey Woolen Gloves. Priced, a pair, 75c to \$1.25.

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Any of the following Silks will be cut in suitable dress or blouse lengths and packed in a nice Christmas gift box at the following prices, a yard:

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26-Inch Black Messaline Paillette. Special, a yard, \$1.50.

26-Inch Black Duchess Satins, Special, a yard, \$2.00.

26-Inch Black French Taffeta. Special, a yard, \$1.75.

—Silks, Main Floor

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TAG DAY WEDNESDAY

Council of Women to Use Old Headquarters in Arcade Building.

The tag day arranged by the Local Council of Women for Halifax relief will be held on Wednesday next, December 19. The collection was to have been held yesterday, but was postponed to avoid interference with the Red Cross shower.

Through the kindness of David Spencer, the corner store in the Arcade Building will again be the headquarters for the occasion, and Mrs. R. B. McMicking, the convenor of the tag day arrangements will be in attendance at this store on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 2 until 6 o'clock to receive names of women willing to act as taggers.

Miss Crease, president of the Local

Council requests that as many members as possible of the affiliated societies, assist in this collection on behalf of the stricken people of Halifax, to whom the approaching "festive season" will bring only added realization of their sufferings.

W. C. T. U. ACTIVITIES

Over \$100 Raised for Patriotic Work by Recent Concert at Empress Hotel.

The regular meeting of the Central W. C. T. U. was held in the Y. W. C. A. on Thursday afternoon when the keen interest of the members in the soldiers at home and overseas was manifest. A donation of \$25 was made to the Hot Drink Fund, and it was decided to send literature to the Isolation Hospital, Mrs. (Capt.) Grant generously offering to send the "Century" Magazine for the year.

The women are also assisting in the "Christmas cheer" arrangements for the local soldiers, and yesterday they shipped a large number of parcels to men overseas. During the past month the members of the Central Union have made fourteen trench caps, six triangular bandages and two pairs of socks.

The concert held at the Empress Hotel recently under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. netted over one hundred dollars which will be devoted to the patriotic work of the Union. The committee takes this opportunity to thank the artists and the public who by their support made such a splendid result possible.

To care for linoleum on your kitchen floor with the least effort, wipe over with a cloth wrung out of warm water having a little baking soda added, and lastly go over it with skim milk. If there are any thick spots they can be softened with a little linseed oil. Gritty cleaning powder should never be used on linoleum.

Social Personal

Mr. and Mrs. James Dewar have returned to their home in Northfield after spending the past two weeks in Vancouver.

Dr. Paul Higgins and Mrs. Higgins have returned to the city after a tour of some weeks duration through the Kootenay district.

Mrs. S. Levy left the city on Thursday for San Francisco, Cal., to spend a month's vacation. She was accompanied by her niece, Mrs. J. L. Levy.

Among the Victorians registered at the New Washington Hotel, Seattle, are W. Fitzherbert Bullen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fitzherbert Bullen and Mr. and Mrs. George Bushby.

Two hundred members and friends of the Patternmakers' Association, of Victoria, held their social meeting and dance at the K. of P. Hall last night, and spent a merry evening.

Miss D. Kittle, formerly secretary of the Blue Cross, having left Victoria for Ladysmith, has been elected organizing secretary for the Island. Mrs. Elliott Hewlings is now local secretary for the Blue Cross.

Mrs. W. J. Roper, of Victoria, is taking an active part in the War Relief Bazaar to be held in Seattle all next week. She will be among the stall holders at the French booth arranged by L'Union Francaise of Seattle.

Flight-Lieut. Harold Hudson, son of Dr. A. B. and Mrs. Hudson, Fernwood Road, who left the city in January, 1917, and reached France in October, was "travelling by degrees to Italy, and hope to be there soon," according to a letter just received by his parents.

Madame Mariana Sae de Menocal, the wife of the President of Cuba, has just completed the task of raising a cash fund of \$1,000,000 for the equipment and maintenance in France of a hospital to be staffed exclusively by Cuban physicians and nurses.

Among the Victorians registered in London, Eng., recently, were Nursing Sister Mabel Lindsay, H. L. Addison and W. C. McClelland. Miss Lindsay was among the first contingent of nurses to leave this city for duty overseas, and has seen much service in the hospitals in France.

The Amateur Players' Society, of Victoria West, are presenting the comedy, "A Gilded Youth," this afternoon and evening at Temple's Hall, Langford Street, in aid of the French Red Cross. In addition to the play a musical programme will be given, and the evening performance is to be followed by a dance.

Lieut.-Col. R. C. Andros, D. S. O., a former resident of the city, whose family are living in Selkirk Avenue, Victoria West, is C. O. of the 1st C. M. R.'s, a unit which was honored by the presentation of the Military Cross and the Military Medal by the Governor-General, at Regina, last week, respectively to Major Caswell and the mother of Pte. McLean, the latter hero having been killed.

In addition to the artists already announced, Mrs. Humphrey Baynes will sing at the Navy League cabaret at the Empress Hotel to-night. The affair will be under the patronage of Vice-Admiral and Mrs. W. O. Story and Major-Gen. R. G. E. Leckie. The proceedings will open with a selection by Professor Turner's orchestra, which will also provide the music for dancing between the vocal numbers. The cabaret has been arranged by the Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E., in aid of the chapter's patriotic work, and a big attendance is anticipated.

Miss Joy Calvert has arrived from Seattle to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Calvert, of Sooke. During the recent visit to Seattle of Ysaye, the famous virtuoso, Miss Calvert was invited to play before him, and so impressed was he with her talent as a violinist that he expressed a wish that she become his pupil. A few weeks ago Miss Calvert played before another famous artist, Zimbalist, who gave her much praise. She has been studying under Professor Gregor Cherniavski in Seattle for about twelve months and, although still only in her teens, her wonderful progress points to a great career in the musical world.

Rev. J. Gibson Inkster returned to the city yesterday from Vancouver, where he went to meet Rev. William Evans, D. D., of Los Angeles. Dr. Evans, who is associate Dean and head of the Los Angeles Bible Department, is a graduate of Chicago University in Arts and of the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Chicago. He took his B. B. and Ph. D. courses at Congregational Divinity School of Chicago University, with the subjects "Philosophy" and "Hebrew." Author of many books his magnum opus is "The Exposition of the Bible," of which three out of ten volumes are already published, and the others are in course of preparation by Dr. Evans. At his weekly lectures given in Los Angeles Auditorium, which has a seating capacity of three thousand, accommodation is usually taxed to the utmost. He will speak in the First Presbyterian Church on Monday and Tuesday will leave for San Francisco.

Appeal for City's Poor.—The local corps of the Salvation Army are again following their usual practice of giving a Christmas treat to the poor of the city, and boxes for the receipt of cash donations have been placed at various prominent corners in the city. While this year there are fewer needy residents than usual, yet there are still many who are far less fortunate than their fellows and, lacking assistance, will face a Christmas devoid of "cheer."

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TO AID HALIFAX FUND

Rossini's "Stabat Mater" to Be Given at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, December 18, Rossini's "Stabat Mater," an oratorio for four solo voices and chorus, will be given at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Admission will be free, but a collection will be taken up in aid of the Red Cross Halifax Relief Fund.

Following is the programme:
Chorus and Quartette—Stabat Mater.
Incidental Quartette—Mrs. Macdonald Fahey, Mrs. Jesse Longfield, W. Anthony Williams and James Hunter.
Air (Tenor)—Cujus Animam
..... W. Anthony Williams
Duet (Soprano and Tenor)—Quia est
Homo—Mrs. Fahey and Mrs. Longfield
Air (Bass)—Pro Peccatis—James Hunter
Recitative (Bass) and Chorus—Eia, Mater James Hunter
Quartette—Stabat Mater
Mrs. J. Macdonald Fahey, Mrs. Jesse Longfield, W. Anthony Williams and James Hunter.
Cavatina (Soprano)—Pae ut
Porten Mrs. Jesse Longfield
Intermission of five minutes during which G. Jennings Burnett will play on the organ.
Overture in C Major Hollins
Air (Soprano) and Chorus—Inflammas
..... Mrs. J. Macdonald Fahey
Quartette—Quando Corpus
..... Mrs. J. Macdonald Fahey, Mrs. Jesse Longfield, W. Anthony Williams and James Hunter.
Finale—In Semperiterna Saecula. Amen.
Frank J. Schell will wield the conductor's baton and G. Jennings Burnett will preside at the organ.

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Good News to Mothers, Wives, Sisters.

To have seen one you love, going down this road to ruin, and to have heard him try to laugh and joke away your fears, while you watched the drink habit fasten on him; is to have known suffering and to have borne a sorrow to which physical pain is nothing. And when at last he comes to that turn in the road that, sooner or later must come, and wakes to the fact that he is a slave to the drink you think everything will come right. He will fight the habit and you will help him escape it; but he can not do it. Drink has undermined his constitution, inflamed his stomach and nerves until the craving must be satisfied. And after you have hoped and then despaired more times than you can count you realize that he must be helped. The diseased condition of the stomach and nerves must be cured by something that will soothe the inflamed stomach and quiet the shaking nerves, removing all taste for liquor.

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COMPLAIN OF TREATMENT

Returned Soldiers Were Hissed on Streets of Quebec; Laurier Questioned at Brandon.

Some of the members of the last detachment of returned men who arrived this week complain of the way in which they were used in Quebec. At

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Excellent Assortment Here

Fibre Silk Hose, in black, white and colors, **\$1.00.**
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Silk Lisle Socks, in white, pink and sky. Sizes $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $9\frac{1}{2}$, **65¢.**
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2-Dome White Kid Gloves, soft skins and round seams; all sizes for women. Special, **\$1.00** a pair.

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Trefousse French Kid Gloves, in pique sewn style, with fine needle points, in black, white and colors, at **\$2.25** a pair.

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the theatre they were given seats away off in a corner by themselves, and the management refused to sell them seats for the centre of the building, where they might sit among the other people.

hissed on the streets, and insulting remarks made about them, simply because they had been overseas to fight for Canada.

At Brandon the troop train was sidetracked to allow the train on which Sir Wilfrid Laurier was travelling to pass. The men got out and were addressed by the Liberal leader. At the close of the address the men fired a number of questions, but the answers were very disappointing. Refusing to answer any more questions Sir Wilfrid retired to his car and sent out several of his supporters to talk to the men.

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Who will be one of the speakers at to-night's final rally in the cause of Union
Government at the Royal Victoria Theatre

this week in the rooms. The next one
will be held January 2.

The bazaar held in the Scott Building
last Saturday proved a great success,
the proceeds for the afternoon being
\$364. Several raffish were held, the
successful ones being: Christmas
cakes, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Hunter and
Mrs. McLaren; bag, Mrs. Woods; swan
cushion, Mrs. Hughes; doll and cradle,
Mrs. Christopher. The embroidered rug
sent in by Mrs. Peden to be raffish was
sold and the donor is thanked for the
contribution. The committee wishes to
thank all those who sent parcels for the
parcel post; those who contributed
cakes, etc. for the tea and home cook-
ing, and all others who helped to make
the affair so great a success.

The nightgown donated by Mrs.
Hawkins was won by Mrs. Stewart
with 535.

OBITUARY RECORD

The death occurred on Friday night
at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, of
Thomas Surridge, aged 44 years, a for-
mer resident of Alberni. The remains
are at the Thomson Funeral Parlors,
pending arrangements for burial.

The funeral of the late Samuel Bloch
will take place on Monday at 2 o'clock
from the Thomson Funeral Chapel,
where the Rev. A. de la Roche will con-
duct the service. Interment will be at
Ross Bay Cemetery.

BACK FROM SALONICA

Dr. (Capt.) L. J. O'Brien Was With
Colonel Hart's Unit.

Dr. (Capt.) L. J. O'Brien, who recently
returned from Salonica, where he
served with 5th Canadian General Hos-
pital under Col. Hart, C.M.G., has
been retained for medical and surgical
service in this city in connection with
wounded and invalided soldiers.

Dr. O'Brien, who before the war
practised in Nanaimo and was surgeon
to the Western Fuel Company and
Pacific Coal Company, left Victoria
with the 5th Hospital Unit on August
21, 1915. He remained at Salonica until
October 5, when he returned to Eng-
land with the unit. The journey to
England was made by way of Italy
and France, and en route Dr. O'Brien
took careful note of the conditions
through which he passed. He was
particularly struck with the stability
of conditions in Italy, with the indus-
try and activity of the people in the
outward absence of signs of wear and
tear of war. In France the effects of
the war were more noticeable, par-
ticularly those who remembered her
as she was in time of peace.

In England he found the people de-
termined to see the grim struggle
through to the end. "That determina-
tion," he says, "which is in evidence
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all classes are working in their coun-
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this city.

James Island plant of the Canadian
Explosives have collected \$500, which
they are sending direct to the Mayor
of Halifax.

Nanaimo plant of the Canadian Ex-
plosives collected \$160.50, which they
are donating to the Nanaimo Branch of
the Halifax Relief Fund.

The Hon. James Dunsuir has given
\$200, which is being sent direct to the
Mayor of Halifax.

The following is the result of the
collection to date:

Previously acknowledged	\$2,662 70
Per Colonel	153 30
A. T.	1 00
W. J. E.	1 00
A. H. M. and W. M.	5 00
Anon.	5 00
T. A. and C. E. N.	2 00
Anon.	25 00
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hole	10 00
H. F. Taylor	10 00
H. V. Eldridge	2 00
Employees Foundation Co.	205 00
Staff and employees Canadian Explosives Victoria office and Staff and employees Victoria Chemical Co.	161 50
Mrs. S. E. McLintock	20 00
Mrs. E. W. Tatlow	5 00
Anonymous	1 50
	\$4,212 00

LORD READING

Christian Science Monitor.

As a boy Lord Reading ran away to
sea. Most boys think of doing so at
some time or another, but Lord Read-
ing actually achieved his purpose. He
was not, of course, Lord Reading in
those days, but just Rufus Isaacs, the
son of one Joseph M. Isaacs, a London
merchant. He had been to school at
University College, also in Brussels and
in Hanover, and when he returned to
London after his Hanover experience
he found that plans were afoot to send
him to Cambridge. Now, like a certain
great archbishop, young Isaacs found
the acquisition of knowledge "ever
irksome," so he took a short cut, to
freedom and embarked as a common
sailor on a sailing vessel bound for
South America. The name of the ship
was the Blair Athol. Before he had
been very long at sea, however, the
runaway realized that "stowing the
main" was not such fun as they seem-
ed in "fancy." In fact it was all very
dull and monotonous. So when the
good ship Blair Athol docked at Rio de
Janeiro, Rufus took another short cut
and decamped. This time he did not
succeed so easily. "Contracts is con-
tracts," especially amongst seafaring
men, and so Rufus was diligently
sought for, ultimately found, and, willy
nilly, obliged to continue his voyage
back to London by way of Calcutta.

When he finally arrived in the Thames
he was quite satisfied that he had in-
deed had enough of it and was glad
to accept an offer from his father to
manage a branch of the family busi-
ness at Magdeburg, in Germany.

But this was not a success either.
If cleaning ships was bad, dispatching
ships was infinitely worse, and so,
two years later, young Isaacs was
back again in London and fully em-
barked on a career on the stock ex-
change. And still, somehow, there was
no success. Indeed there was very
much the reverse. He gained great
applause as an amateur boxer, but lost
much money as a stock broker, so he
ultimately left the house, and, having
determined to become a lawyer, retired
to the Temple, at his dinners, and,
in due time, as one writer has put it,
"stepped breezily out of the chambers
of Mr. Lawson, Walton into a practice
that led to £20,000 a year, a dwelling
in the paradise of Park Lane and any
office that he may choose to aim at."

Rufus Isaacs had at last found him-
self, and once he had found himself
everything he had ever done began to
fall into place. The knowledge of
men gleaned in the focus of the Blair
Athol, in the streets of Rio de Janeiro,
on the banks of the Elbe in Magdeburg,
or in the house in the city of London,
often stood him in good stead. He was
quickly recognized as one of the great-
est company lawyers London had ever
seen. His astonishing mastery of in-
tricate figures and details, together
with his remarkable penetration, caused
him to be ever in demand where
some specialty tightly tied knot, in-
volving large mercantile or financial
houses, had to be untied. Everything
seemed to go down before him, and
all was done with a certain gravity
and cultured good humor which was
as disconcerting to his opponents as it
was reassuring to the jury.

For such a man Parliament was in-
evitable, and so, in due course, in the
year 1894, he sought the suffrages of
the famous biscuit city of Reading, on
the banks of the Thames, and was, in
due course returned. Thereafter his
rise was rapid. The year 1899 found
him Solicitor-General, the next year
Attorney-General, the next a Privy
Councillor, the next a member of the
Cabinet, the first Attorney-General
over to be admitted, and the next the
Lord Chief Justice of England. That
was in 1913, and in 1914 he was raised
to the peerage as Baron Reading. Since
the outbreak of the war his great
financial ability has been placed at
the disposal of the Allies, both in the
United Kingdom and in the United
States, and his great services were fur-
ther recognized in the other day when an
earldom of the United Kingdom was
conferred upon him.

ALL CANDIDATES FOR A "BONE-DRY" CANADA

Each Has Promised Prohibition
Association Support to
Dominion-Wide Measure

A recent decision of the local branch
of the People's Prohibition Association
appointed George N. Robertson and the
Rev. William Stevenson a committee to
interview the several candidates for the
Federal house relative to their views on
a Dominion-wide Prohibition Measure.

Only that candidate or those candi-
dates who would pledge their word to
support such a statutory enactment
would secure the support of the Prohibition-
ists; such was the decree. The
committee duly waited upon the several
candidates who will go to the mat
on Monday, and without a murmur all
three would most assuredly from the
floor of the House at Ottawa hold up
both hands and feet in favor of a Domi-
nion-wide Prohibition measure.

It is not known as to what ratio of
supporters for the three candidates ob-
tains in the ranks of the Prohibition
Association's membership, but one
thing is certain, the Unionist, Laborite
and Laurier-Liberal will be enabled to
go to the poll and record a vote for his
or her respective favorite with the full
knowledge and a clear conscience that
each candidate for the Federal plum
is dead set on a "dry" Canada.

Sunday Meeting.—In the Dominion
Theatre to-morrow evening at 8:45 the
Rev. George Dean, of Ganges Island,
will deliver lectures on "The War and
the Vote From the Religious Aspect."

Premier Doing Well.—Inquiry at the
Premier's office at the Parliament
Buildings this morning elicited the fact
that the operation to which he sub-
mitted yesterday was quite successful, and
that while still in pain was making sat-
isfactory progress. He will remain in
hospital for a few days.

Finance Minister Back.—From a four
days' trip to the mainland, including
New Westminster, Hon. John Mart,
Minister of Finance, returned to his
office in the Parliament Buildings this
morning. His trip was concerned with
the matter of Government Agencies
and details relative to the operation of
the Amusement Tax.

To Prince Rupert.—Hon. T. D. Pat-
tullo, Minister of Lands, returned from
Vancouver this morning. While in the
Terminal City he was present at the
meetings addressed by Sir Wilfrid
Laurier yesterday. On Monday morn-
ing the Minister will leave the city for
Prince Rupert, on matters connected
with power and water frontage busi-
ness in which the city of Prince Rupert
is interested. He will return on Sun-
day morning next.

St. George's School Entertainment.—
The closing exercises of St. George's
School for Girls will be held in the
schoolroom of Christ Church Cathedral
on Thursday, December 20, at 8 p. m.
A programme has been prepared in
which the preparatory department
under Mrs. Robbins, will conduct songs
and dances, and a cantata, "Cinderella,"
will be given by the girls under the
direction of Miss Williams. Very Rev.
Dean Quantin will address the pupils
and present the drawing and music
certificates. A small admission fee will
be charged, and the entire proceeds
handed to the Blue Cross Fund.

Italian Subjects Called.—The Royal
Italian Consular Agent of Vancouver,
B. C., has been instructed by his Gov-
ernment to notify every Italian subject
residing in this province and born in
the years 1874 to 1899 (both years in-
cluded), to report himself at once to the
Italian Consular Agency, 208 Union
Street, Vancouver, B. C., for medical
examination. Those medically fit for
military service will be given a free
passage to Italy, and a warning is
given to those neglecting to report
themselves in the next few days that
they will be considered as deserters
and punished accordingly.

MOTHERS AND CLERKS!

You need not lose the opportunity to vote on Monday, Dec-
17th, because of lack of assistance.

Nurses and Substitutes Will Be Provided Free

If you will telephone 3980—DR. TOLMIE'S COMMITTEE
ROOMS, for arrangements.

UNIONIST CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Nanaimo Federal Riding

Meetings in the interests of

J. C. McINTOSH

Unionist Candidate

TO-NIGHT

St. Mark's Hall, Boleskine Road
Metchosin Hall, Metchosin

On December the 17th Mark Your Ballot for
J. C. McINTOSH

THE BANTLY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

BENEDICT BANTLY, PRINCIPAL,
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Violin, Piano, Organ, Vocal and Theory of Music taught by competent
instructors.

LEGAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

Notice of Application for Private Bill

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an
application will be made to the Legisla-
tive Assembly of the Province of British
Columbia, at its next session, by the
Corporation of the City of Victoria, for
an Act to be known as the "Victoria
City Relief Act, 1917," providing for the
following matters, and giving to the said
Corporation and the Municipal Council
thereof the following powers:

I.—RE TREASURY CERTIFICATES

Power to arrange for the renewal, at or
after maturity, from time to time, of all
or any portion of any treasury certifi-
cates or treasury bills heretofore or here-
after issued by the Corporation, for a
further term or terms not exceeding five
years from the original date or date of
maturity of such treasury certificates or
treasury bills; and notwithstanding that
any such treasury certificates or treasury
bills have been or may be issued subse-
quent to the first day of February, 1915.

II.—RE DELINQUENT TAXES

(1) The Act to require the Corporation
or its Collector to hold a tax sale during
the latter half of the year 1918 of all lands
in respect of which general or local im-
provement rates or taxes are unpaid for
ten years or any prior year, and the
owners of which shall not have an agree-
ment in good standing with the Corpora-
tion as hereinafter outlined.

(2) The Act to require the Corporation
or its Collector to hold a tax sale an-
nually after the year 1915.

(3) Power to be given to the Corporation
to execute, at any time prior to Septem-
ber 30, 1918, an agreement with the owner
of any land in respect of which such
rates or taxes are in arrears, whereby
such owner shall be allowed a period of
ten years for the payment thereof, sub-
ject to the following conditions:

(a) Payment in full by the owner, at or
before the execution of such agreement,
of all general or local improvement rates
or taxes payable in respect of such land
for the year 1915.

(b) Payment in full in each year there-
after during the term of the agreement
of all such rates and taxes payable in
respect of such land for such year.

(c) Payment by the owner of the ar-
rears of taxes and interest included in
such agreement, within 10 years from the
date of the agreement, together with in-
terest on such arrears at 8 per cent. per
annum, payable on the 30th September in
each year.

(d) Provisions for partial payments of
principal, for sale in case of default; for
reinstatement of agreement if default

is made before actual sale; for vesting title
in the Corporation if no sale effected;
for abrogating the provisions of the
"War Relief Act," where such agreements
are executed; for participation by agree-
ment-holders in any scheme of local im-
provement tax relief; for power to borrow
on the security of such agreements; re-
lating to Section 41C of the Land Registry
Act, and such other provisions and con-
ditions as may be requisite.

III.—RE RE-ADJUSTMENT OF LO- CAL IMPROVEMENT TAXES IN RESPECT OF STREET EXPRO- PRIATION OR WIDENING BY LAWS

(1) Power to the Corporation either (a)
by its Municipal Council, or (b) by a
commission of three persons to be ap-
pointed by the Council (which may con-
sist of members of the Council or of
persons not members thereof or of both),
to investigate and consider from time to time
the whole question of local improvement
taxation in connection with street widen-
ing or expropriation projects, relating to
streets or works as shall from time
to time be determined by the Council.

(2) The persons or commissioners con-
ducting such investigation to report the
result thereof from time to time to the
Council, with such recommendations or
suggestions as they may see fit concern-
ing suggested relief, readjustment or re-
duction of such taxes, or otherwise.

(3) Power to the Council, in its discre-
tion, to give effect from time to time to
any such recommendations, suggestions
or reports, by by-law or by-laws, with or
without any amendments, additions or
variations thereof, or omissions there-
from, as the Council may determine.

(4) Provision that no such by-law shall
take effect without having first been ap-
proved by a majority of the whole Council
and by a vote of a majority of the
electors voting thereon, in the case of
a money by-law.

(5) Provision to be made giving the persons
holding such investigation all the
powers in relation to witnesses, evidence
and procedure that are now conferred up-
on commissioners appointed under the
"Public Enquiries Act."

Dated the 25th day of November, 1917.

R. W. HANNINGTON,
City Solicitor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Albert Smith, Deceased.
All persons having claims against this
estate are required to send particulars
thereof, duly verified, to the undersigned
not later than the 15th day of January,
1918.

Dated the 7th day of December, 1917.
J. H. TOTTEN & HANKEY,
Solicitors for the Administrator,
Bank of Montreal Chambers.

No one knows, so well as a merchant, that store advertising
PAYS only when it appeals to the THRIFT, and to the INTEREST
of the reader. Not one of to-day's ads would have gone into type
unless the advertiser had felt sure of its importance to YOU.

RETURNED SOLDIERS COMMISSION REPORT

Number on Records, 3,517;
Only 18 Applications for
Positions Unfilled

The Provincial Returned Soldiers' Commission Employment Return, covering the period of its activities up till November 30 last has just been compiled and is given in detail below. The report shows that the total number of men on the records of the Commission at the date specified was 3,517, while there is set out the number of men at Convalescent Hospitals and Sanatoria;

those returned to civil employment, re-enlistments, etc.

It will also be seen that in the matter of applications for employment received by the Commission from discharged men eighteen only have not been filled for the moment. The return generally will doubtless be regarded as satisfactory and indicative of the care taken of returned men by this department of the Provincial Government.

The particulars of the report follow: Total number of men on Commission's records at November 30, 1917, 3,517. This number is made up as follows: Canadian Expeditionary Force returned from overseas, 3,556, divided under three heads, (a) invalided home to Canada, 2,447; (b) recalled for duty in Canada, 52; (c) returned on account of stoppage of working pay, 37. Sundry cases including reservists, ex-Imperial Service men, naval men, etc., 192; C. E. F. men who have not been overseas, 69; total, 3,517.

At Convalescent Hospitals and Sanatoria, 1,272, as follows: 1. Men re-

turned from overseas, 1,182. 2. Men who have not been overseas, 2. Diverted to other provinces for treatment, 81. Returned to civil employment, 916, as follows: (a) men who have returned from overseas, 873; (b) men who have not been overseas, 43. Applications from discharged men for work and not yet filled, 18.

Re-enlistments: Men returned from overseas, 166, as follows: (a) overseas duty, 62; (b) home guard duty, 37; (c) naval duty, 2. Men who have not been overseas, 2. Overseas duty, 3; (b) naval duty, 1. Returned officers and men advised by the officer commanding "J" unit, M. H. C. C., as being employed on the Administrative Staff, 107, of which number 35 are patients of the unit.

Included in the number of men returned to civil employment are 52 returned to former positions; 253 Federal Government employees; and 22 Provincial Government employees.

NEW COMPOSITION OF MEDICAL BOARDS HERE

Appointment of Capt. Gibson as Specialist, and Lieut. J. D. Hunter as M. O.

Military orders, with reference to Victoria Medical Boards, are issued from Headquarters here, as follows: Permanent Medical Board, Mobilization Medical Board and Medical Board Centre to be composed as under: President, Capt. J. F. Grant. Members, Capt. F. M. Bryant, Lieut. W. E. Scott-Moncrieff.

Final Consideration Medical Board, to be composed as under: President, Capt. F. M. Bryant. Members, Dr. O. M. Jones, Dr. R. L. Fraser. The above with effect from December 24.

Capt. A. E. T. McKicking, Capt. C. F. Higgins and Lieut. W. T. Barrett are demobilized with effect from December 24.

Capt. A. J. Gibson, C.A.M.C., C.E.F., will perform the duties of eye, ear, nose and throat specialist for troops in Victoria and vicinity with effect from December 16.

Lieut. J. D. Hunter will perform the duties of Medical Officer to the detachment of District Military Police, Victoria, with effect from the 24th instant.

A VICTORIA HERO

Pte. S. Griffiths Killed by Shell While Bringing in Wounded Comrade.

Pte. Samuel Griffiths, who left the city with the 103rd Battalion, and was recently killed by an exploding shell in the fighting line, met death in company with three comrades who had been sent out to bring in a wounded man. Deceased had lived five years in the city and, before enlisting was a clerk at the Craigflower Grocery Store.

BACK FROM SALONICA

Capt. L. J. Grant Returns to Continue Treatment of Incapacitated Soldiers.

Capt. L. J. Grant, who went overseas with the 5th B. C. General Hospital, and was at Salonica until last October, has now returned. He is being retained here for the treatment of wounded soldiers under the Military Hospitals Commission, and has opened offices in the Campbell Building. Previous to the war Capt. Grant was surgeon at Nanaimo to the Western Fuel Company and the Pacific Coast Fuel Company.

TRIBUNAL APPEAL CASES

Island Claims to Be Heard After Conclusion of Those Belonging to City.

After disposing of the Victoria cases the Appeal Tribunal here will consider the cases appealed from Esquimalt, Ganges, Port Renfrew, Royal Oak, Sidney and Quatsino. No date has yet been fixed for these, nor is it yet known whether the Tribunal will hear the cases at the Court House here, or will visit the different localities for that purpose.

Dates settled yesterday for the hearing of other provincial appeals were as follows:

Prince Rupert, December 24 and 27; Prince George, January 3; Fernie, December 21; and Kamloops, December 21 and January 2.

DRUMMER POMEROY BACK

He and One Comrade Are Sole Survivors of Original Band With Which He Left for Front.

Drummer S. C. Pomeroy, after an absence of two years and ten months returned to Victoria on Wednesday of this week. Drummer Pomeroy, who is a son of Mrs. C. H. Pomeroy, of 517 Joffre Street, Esquimalt, left Victoria not many months after the outbreak of war, with the 20th Battalion. Later, he was transferred to the 16th Canadian Scottish. He crossed to France where he served for two years and one month, and had been in the trenches for a year when he was first wounded in the leg. On recovery from a period in hospital he returned to the scene of activities and was later wounded a second time. Drummer Pomeroy and another comrade are the sole survivors of the band with which he left the city.

His brother, W. A. Pomeroy, who left here with the 48th Battalion, is now training with the Royal Flying Corps. He was away a year and ten months when, having been wounded, he was ordered home to recover. He had no sooner gained his strength than he again volunteered his service, this time with the flyers.

CIVIC ESTIMATES ARE NOW BEING PREPARED

Officials Will Petition for Increase to Meet Added Cost of Living

The attention of city officials at this time is chiefly engaged with the preparation of the civic estimates, which are to be submitted at a special meeting of the City Council on Thursday evening. Owing to the failure of the meeting properly called for yesterday afternoon, such business as was on the file has to go forward, and in order to deal with it before Christmas, the Council will meet early, transact it, and proceed to the estimates. If time does not permit of the completion of the agenda, an adjournment will be taken till Friday afternoon.

When the estimates are tabled by the Comptroller for the aldermanic consideration, it is expected there will be but a small change from the figures as approved this spring. A petition will be signed next week by city officials asking for some attempt to be made to restore salaries to the former figures, at any rate to make the earnings commensurate with the steady advance in the price of foodstuffs. There will be no percentage advance sought specifically, as was the system adopted when reductions took place, the amounts then varying from five to twenty per cent. according to the aggregates paid annually. The adjustments made in the course of the present summer do not in any way attempt to deal with the general situation.

The intentions of the School Board, as to whether a recommendation will be made in favor of providing for a restoration of salaries, are not yet known.

Nothing but minor building appropriations will be suggested, the vote being restricted almost exclusively to repairs. At the dog pound facilities are required for a lethal chamber for dogs and cats, which it is proposed to take in hand, the matter having hitherto been shelved.

DIED ON YUKON TRAIL

W. H. Brethour, of Local Family, Found Near Carcross, Y. T.

A report read in the columns of the local press yesterday was the first intimation received by Mrs. L. G. Thomas, of 442 Superior Street, that her brother, W. H. Brethour, mine foreman from Otter Creek, had been found dead last Wednesday on the trail near Carcross. According to information in the report it was stated that he had commenced to make the trip to Carcross against the warning of his friends when the temperature was between 40 and 50 degrees below zero. It was by no means his first time over the trail.

Nearly all of Mr. Brethour's relatives reside here or in the Saanich district. His father, John Brethour, is now at Sidney. J. S. Brethour, a brother, is in Victoria, while another brother, Philip, is at the front. Mrs. P. G. Smith, a second sister, is a resident of this city. Mrs. Brethour, wife of the late westerner, was with her husband in the north for some time, but came south recently, going to Seattle.

The late Mr. Brethour went into the Yukon territory 12 years ago. At that time he made Discovery, B. C., his headquarters. He had not been down here for two years.

REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

Judge Lampman Decides Dunford's Sign Responsible for Sale of Property.

Judge Lampman yesterday decided in favor of plaintiff with costs, in the action, Dunford vs. Mitchell, which was a case in which both parties claimed the commission amounting to \$250, which had been paid into court for the sale of the house and lot, 121

"THE WAR AND THE VOTE FROM THE RELIGIOUS ASPECT"

A Stirring Address by

REV. GEO. W. DEAN

Dominion Theatre TO-MORROW EVENING

8.45 O'CLOCK

Everybody should hear this address. - The hour will not conflict with Church services.

Hollywood Crescent. The judge held that the sign which Messrs. Dunford had placed on the house was the prime cause of the sale, and gave judgment accordingly.

MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN NEW YORK CITY

She was born De Remer and christened Rubye, so her name is really Rubye De Remer, even out in Denver where she saw the light of day twenty years before Rex Beach saw her and asked her to play the lead in his "Auction Block"—because, he said, she was the most beautiful girl he ever had seen.

This is a bird's-eye view of the career of Miss De Remer, of the "Midnight Frolic" and the Rex Beach pictures who a year ago had never even seen that magic street called the Rialto, with the elusive rainbow at the end of it.

If Miss De Remer's mother had known just how she would look when she grew up she probably would have called her Pearl instead of Rubye, for she is divinely tall and, oh? most divinely fair. She looks as though she were made of peaches and corn silk and bits of blue sky and pearls, all fastened together with crisp pink icing.

Miss De Remer speaks of her beauty merely as an accepted fact for which she is grateful, but feels that she deserves no credit. She seems totally lacking in conceit, in spite of the fact that she was selected to play the part of Lorelei Knight because she was conceded to be the most beautiful girl in New York.

The "Auction Block" will be seen in Victoria for the last time to-night.

BOTH SONS INJURED

Driver J. L. and Pte. W. A. Lang—Latter Seriously Ill—in English Hospitals.

Mrs. M. M. Lang, 1617 Belmont Avenue, has received word that both her sons, Driver J. L. Lang, and Pte. W. A. Lang, are in hospitals in England. Driver J. L. Lang, who left the city with the 10th Ammunition Column, January, 1916, was gassed on November 2, and is now in hospital at Eastbourne, while his brother, Pte. W. A. Lang, who left Victoria with the 103rd Battalion, and was afterwards transferred to the 2nd C.M.R.'s, is very seriously ill at a hospital at Manchester, blood-poisoning having set in following an operation caused by injuries and exposure at the front.

PRIVY COUNCIL CASES

Dates Fixed for Hearing: Essential Records Reach London in Good Time

The District Registrar of the Supreme Court of B. C. is informed by the Registrar of the Privy Council, London, that the Privy Council lists of appeals for the sittings to be heard during the year 1918 will be closed on January 4, April 2, May 21 and October 5, by which dates all appeals to be heard during the ensuing sittings should be set down, and it is asked that the District Registrar here will bring these dates to the notice of the legal profession of the province.

Each November a timetable of the sittings of the Privy Council for the following year will be prepared and sent to the District Registrar at Victoria.

In order to get the records in in time, as already pointed out by the Registrar of the Privy Council, that, in some cases, records have been received a few weeks—and in some cases a few days—before the sittings commenced, it is mentioned that this brings the result that it has been impossible to print and examine the records in time for the appeals to be heard, thus causing disappointment

EXTRAORDINARY WAR FILM AT PANTAGES

"France in Arms" is a new collection of war views taken by the French military authorities on the western front. Without a doubt they eclipse in many respects anything of the kind that has been offered. The showing of this startling motion picture record will be given at the Pantages Theatre on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Added interest will attach to the showing of Monday night through the flashing on the screen at various intervals the returns of the Federal election.

One of the remarkable features of the series shows in startling detail an aerial combat between airmen from the French and the German lines, in which the German is bested, and may be seen falling to earth while the victor flies away to seek other conquests. These scenes were taken above the clouds by a camera man who had been taken aboard one of the big French flyers, and shows the fight with stirring realism. It is a novel and thrilling sensation to sit in a theatre and view such scenes as but few indeed, other than the men engaged in the work of the flying corps, have ever been privileged to view in reality.

This is but one of the various fascinating episodes of the series which includes spectacular bits out of the daily routine of trench life as well as actual views of the men going over the top, and other scenes show how France has mobilized her industries in order to enable her to supply her armies with food, clothing, ammunition, small arms and artillery. Charts are given with these scenes which make clear the ever increasing efficiency of this effort and show that in 1917 the output of all manner of supplies is at the highest point yet attained in the war. Scenes of munition plants, storerooms filled with clothing, food of all kinds and

PANTAGES THEATRE

Vaudeville
ARLOVA CLASSIC DANCERS
MARGUERITE'S LEOPARDS
HERBERT BROOKS
JOE ROBERTS
4 READINGS, and other features.
Matinee, 2; Night, 1 and 2.

VARIETY All This Week

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS

"The Man From Painted Post"

Shows Start:
1.30, 3.10, 4.50, 6.30, 8.10, 9.45

DOMINION THEATRE

All This Week
RUBY DE REMER
in Rex Beach's Greatest Story
"THE AUCTION BLOCK"

military supplies, herds of cattle and flocks of sheep show forcibly that the development of the manufacturing and commissary departments has kept pace with the development of man power.

Together with this extraordinary feature will be shown a bright comedy film and a series of topical graphic pictures. On Monday evening the returns of the Federal election will be flashed on the screen at intervals to keep the audience advised as to the results as they come in.

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A Pretty Jardiner's Flower Pot or flower bowl would make a dandy present. We have an extra large display at prices from 25c to \$3.50. Call and inspect them. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

For Father or Mother—What could be more useful or enduring than a fine pair of glasses? Call and see what Mr. Clugston is offering at \$5.50, 1241 Broad St. Phone 5351.

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Why Not the Sister Join forces and get mother a tea or dinner set. China tea sets, \$6.75, \$7.50, \$8 and \$12. Dinner sets, \$19.50 to \$35. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

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Case Adjourned.—In the City Police Court this morning an assault charge was adjourned for accused to secure counsel. It will be proceeded with on Tuesday.

City Council.—It was impossible to secure the necessary quorum for the City Council yesterday afternoon, there being only five members present, and the meeting accordingly did not materialize.

To Consider School Situation.—Parents and others interested are invited to attend a meeting called by the School Board for Friday afternoon next at 3 o'clock, at Cadboro Bay School, for the purpose of considering the future of the school. It is suggested that advantage be taken of the withdrawal of the teacher there, and the school should be closed, the pupils being moved to Cedar Hill, or some other school, transportation being provided daily. In this way the pupils whose number has dropped now to 13, will have the advantage of a graded school.

Officers For 1918.—The newly elected officers of the Native Sons of British Columbia Post, No. 1, for the year 1918 are as follows: Chief Factor, W. N. (Billie) Kennedy; vice-factor, R. Burns; chaplain, Dr. J. M. Grant; recording secretary, W. Miles; secretary-treasurer, F. Walker; honorary-treasurer, R. Hayward; inner guard, J. Isbister; outer guard, G. Smith.

Automobiles and Bicycles.—R. A. Heather reports that while riding a bicycle at the corner of Government Street and Belleville Street, he was knocked down by a car. Not only did the car not stop when the wheels passed over him, but went on with part of the cycle on the front of the car. The motorist who struck the son of C. Bilsborough was kinder, having the boy who was wheeling at the time taken to see a doctor, and thence home.

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7.30 p. m., the Pastor. Subject: "The Seeing Eye"

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No. 1, Mrs. Irvine; Color-bearer No. 2, Mrs. Wick.

Administrators for Province.—The formal notice appears in the current issue of The Canada Gazette intimating that the Hon. J. A. Macdonald, Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal

Officers Elected.—At the recent regular meeting of the Queen Alexandra Maccabees, No. 11, the following officers were elected: Com., Mrs. Andrews; Lieut.-Com., Mrs. Gibson;

Maccabees Sale of Work.—The Queen Alexandra Maccabees held a very successful sale of work at the Victoria Furnishing Co.'s store on Yates Street yesterday. As a result the sum of \$60 was added to the wool fund for the members' sons and husbands who are at the front. The Review has decided to hold a series of what drives in aid of this fund, on the fourth Wednesday in each month at the K. of P. Hall.

Voluntary Service Corps.—The general monthly meeting of the Voluntary Service Corps was held December 13 at headquarters. Proposals contained in a letter received from the Great War Next-of-Kin Association were laid before the meeting and while it expressed sympathy with the aims of this new organization, it was unanimously agreed that the Voluntary Service Corps could not affiliate with it. The corps is carrying on its work as it has in the past year, and the Tiny Toys Welcome is now reopened at the corner of Fort and Vancouver Streets.

Meeting Cancelled.—The regular monthly meeting of the Red Cross Sewing Committee of the Florence Nightingale Chapter, usually held at the residence of the regent, Mrs. J. L. Beckwith, has been cancelled for Monday, December 17.

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Institute to Meet.—A meeting of the Lake Hill Women's Institute will be held in the school on Tuesday, December 18, at 3 o'clock.

Has Been Beneficial.—It was stated at the Victoria and Island Development Association offices to-day that the item in The Times earlier in the week, with regard to apartment accommodation, has brought a number of people to list their quarters, greatly relieving the congested conditions which formerly obtained.

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WHAT BOLSHEVISM MEANS IN RUSSIA

Bolsheviks Are Marxian Socialists Who Believe in Class Warfare

The most important thing to be remembered in estimating the present situation in Russia is that "Bolshevism" is a tendency quite independent of the personality and doctrines of the Bolshevik leaders, says a London exchange. When during the last few months in Petrograd we observed to each other that more and more people were turning Bolshevik, we meant not that they were embracing the principles of Socialism as expounded by Lenin, but simply that they were coming nearer to active and open hostility to the Government.

Strictly speaking, a Bolshevik is a member of the majority party at a conference of Russian Socialists held some years before the war. The majority as opposed to the minority at that meeting were in favor of an extremist policy. They are Marxist Socialists who preach class warfare. They have always been an extremely well-organized party, ruled almost autocratically by their leader, Lenin. Their attitude towards the war has been dictated by their steady opposition to war in general. This attitude has not been dictated by pro-Germanism.

The Capitalist and War. Thus, they repudiated all Socialists, of whatever country, who voted in favor of war credits, because they believe that for the proletariat questions of frontiers have no interest, and that wars, whether victorious or unsuccessful, are of advantage only to the capitalist classes and to those directly parasitic upon them. In their view the working classes of all countries form one nation, the capitalist classes form another, and the struggle between these two is of more importance to humanity than any other conflict whatever. Thus, with regard to the Stockholm Conference, so far from showing pro-Germanism, they alone of Russian Socialists took precisely the same view as the British Government, which can hardly be supposed to favor Germany. Lenin resolutely refused to allow his followers to go to the Conference, on the ground that the German majority party were to be represented, there, and that Scheidemann and his friends, by voting for the German war credits, had proved themselves mere agents or allies of the German Government, and therefore, from the Bolshevik standpoint, renegades and enemies of the proletariat.

Nobody will be so idiotic as to pretend that the huge uneducated populations of Petrograd and Moscow are killing each other in the streets on account of these theories. The Attitude of the Cossacks. Then again the Bolsheviks stand for the proletariat as against the bourgeoisie. In Russia, generally speaking, there are no bourgeois. The very words bourgeois and proletariat are taken from the industrial countries. But Russia is not an industrial country. Russia is a vast agricultural ocean sparsely dotted with industrial islands. The application of Bolshevik doctrine to the land question is viewed with horror by all who are them-

selves proprietors. This is the explanation of the attitude of the Cossacks, who own much land, and are therefore anti-Bolshevik, while the industrial towns in their midst and on their borders, like Rostov and Tambov, have been Bolshevik strongholds from the first.

The actual Bolshevik doctrines, even if they were understood, could be acceptable only to the proletariat in the large industrial centres. The actual Bolshevik leaders are personally repugnant to large sections of the population. Why, then, has Bolshevism spread among industrial and non-industrial alike? Because the Bolsheviks have had the advantages of being in opposition, and of being able to reiterate that compromise brought neither food nor peace to a hungry and war-weary people. This was very well illustrated by the disorders of July, when the Bolsheviks came out with their demand, "All power to the Soviet," and with armored cars and puzzled soldiery did actually control Petrograd for two days as they control it to-day.

The Discontented Party. Bolshevism in Russia is a state of mind. It is a state of being "fed up," in this case with starvation and other material discomforts. Hence the success of the Bolshevik leaders when they made their first bid for power. Their success was not due to their views but to their discontent. They were the discontented party, and therefore won the support of the neutrality or the great masses who, without bothering their heads about Karl Marx or the International, were willing to think well of anybody who promised them anything different from the unendurable present. The Bolsheviks will eventually fall, because they will be unable to keep their promises, and because, just as in July, the difference in kind between their discontent and that of the people will become apparent.

But, though the Bolsheviks will fall, Bolshevism will persist as long as there are no means for putting flesh on the skeletons and turning hunger into a patriotic citizen. In England we bear no burden that can be compared with that of the Russian in Moscow and Petrograd, where many food prices have risen 700 per cent. and more. In England, it seems to me, food is given away. Moreover, patriotism in Russia before the revolution was difficult for people who had nothing in particular to be patriotic about. It has not had time to grow since.

These are the conditions that produce Bolshevism and make it certain that whatever Government may form in the chaos it will be for some time yet no more than the crusting over of the lava in a volcanic crater.

AT THE FOX AND FLATIRON.

It was very early and the landlord of the Fox and Flatiron had not yet opened the doors for the influx of "rum-and-milk" customers. Outside stood a solitary man with a gloomy countenance. Presently he was joined by a second individual of a more cheery nature.

"Hello, Bill!" said the latter. "Why, you put me in mind of a bloke who's a-go!"

"How'd yer make that out?" growled the other.

"Why," chuckled the cheerful one, "ain't yer just a-waitin' nah for 'the bolt' ter be drawn so's yer can 'ave a 'drop'?"

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When boiling new milk, to prevent a skin from forming on the top as it cools, add two tablespoons of cold milk to every pint when at boiling point, and stir for a minute. The so-called skin will then be re-absorbed, and the milk will not be impoverished.

AMERICAN LABOR AND THE WAR

By Samuel Gompers in The London Daily Chronicle.

At the outbreak of the war in 1914, and for a year after, the attitude of the German Government was that of aggression, defiance and rejection of any thought of international peace. Since then, the creation of the armies of England and France and the entrance of the United States into the war, have convinced Germany of the certainty of her final defeat.

The German Government, while preparing for long years a great military machine, has been during all that time intriguing to promote the anti-militarist movement among the working classes of other countries, so that none of these countries was prepared to take any effective part in the war when it was forced upon them. Now the same intrigues are being directed to impress upon pacifists of each country the idea of sympathizing with the German propaganda in favor of a peace which every well-informed person knows would be a peace on German terms.

In the year 1909 I attended an International Labor Congress at Paris and there a resolution in favor of international peace was adopted. When Mr. Winston Churchill proposed an international naval holiday, the American Federation of Labor supported him, and induced the United States House of Representatives to pass a resolution in favor of such a holiday. I transmitted to Herr Legien, the secretary of the International Labor Bureau in Berlin, asking him to furnish each country with a copy of the A. F. L. resolution in favor of a naval holiday, and inviting the German Labor Movement to declare for an international stoppage in the production of warships.

I received a reply from Herr Legien to the effect that it was impossible for him to carry out my request. International Conferences. A number of proposals have been made for international conferences to be held in Sweden or in Switzerland. Superficially, both are neutral countries. Actually, they are no such thing. Both have become enriched by the needs of Germany during the war, both have the fate of Belgium and Serbia before their eyes. There can be no free expression of opinion in these countries, nor can anything emanate from them which has not the approval of their Governments, who are frightened out of their lives lest they should incur the hostility of Germany. Any international labor conference held under these conditions would be pro-German, whether the delegates liked it or not.

The American Federation of Labor and its executive council have declined every invitation to attend such conferences and I have declined, on my own authority, to participate in any conference in which the representatives of labor from all countries were to participate. My action has been unanimously endorsed by my federation. We held, and we still hold, that we cannot during the war meet the representatives of German labor.

We have decided to render every service we can in order to win this war. The Labor movements of the Allied countries have adopted the same policy. The Labor movements of Austria and Germany have declared that they will do everything in their power to win the war for Austria and Germany. I

hold that it is therefore impossible to meet jointly to discuss any international resolutions so long as we are at war with each other.

The delegates of the American Federation of Labor will take part in no conference in which the Socialist party of the United States is represented. The declaration of that party, as adopted at its special convention at St. Louis, is nothing more or less than pro-German and anti-Ally. The Labor movement of the U. S. is acting in co-operation with the Labor movements of the Allied countries, and we cannot permit an organization which has made such a declaration to take part in a conference in which we have an equal voice with the federation in declaring the sentiment of the Labor movement in the United States. The American Federation of Labor has a membership through its affiliated unions of 2,500,000. The trade unions not affiliated—the Railroad Brotherhoods—have nearly a million members, and they, too, are entirely in accord with the policy of the A. F. L. towards the war. The Socialist party has probably 20,000 or 30,000 members. They cannot and do not speak in the name of the American Labor movement, and we must refuse to divide either honors or responsibility with that party—particularly after the St. Louis declaration.

In Freedom's Cause. The entrance of the United States into the war was not prompted by a policy of aggression, acquisition or conquest. It has not changed its policy and it will not do so. The American Labor movement is in full accord with the policy laid down by President Wilson in his Message to Congress in April last. The freedom of the world and all democracies are threatened and endangered by the aggressions of Germany. Our hope is that as a result of this war the world shall be made safe for freedom and democracy, not only in the Allied countries but in Germany and Austria as well. Much as the American Labor movement abhors war and heartily as it would welcome a cessation of hostilities, it is convinced that peace cannot come, and ought not to come, until the militarist and imperialist policy of Prussia and of the German Government shall have been put an end to for all time.

Peace conferences—and propaganda for peace have emanated from many countries. Probably the most noted effort was the Ford Peace Party, which Henry Ford financed. He carried with him a large number of people—pacifists—who wanted the whole world to follow and fall into line. I have no doubt but that Mr. Ford was earnest, sincere and altruistic in his desire to bring about peace, but we know that the whole mission broke up in confusion and now Mr. Ford is no longer a pacifist in the sense in which that term has fallen into disrepute. For the policy of pacifism is nothing more nor less than playing into the hands of and carrying out the policy of the German Government.

Lord Leverhulme is an entertaining speaker. Lately, at a meeting, he was expatiating on the necessity of each man doing his very best, and said it was his belief that ability was bound to be recognized and get its due reward, whether in the field or factory. He then told a story of a cannibal chief who had "converted" a missionary into an Irish stew. The repeat evidently did not agree with the chief, who had to leave the royal table rather hurriedly. "That," said Lord Leverhulme, "is exactly my theory. You can't keep a good man down."

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PRIVATE MALAPROP.

The average soldier "on the square" by no means envies the lot of the orderly-room clerk. His drill is strenuous, but the hours are short, whereas in the orderly-room they work much longer. The clerk, however, does not complain, and he has his opportunities of seeing the humorous side of things. Thus, a corporal clerk, checking a man's documents, asked him: "Have you been through gas?" (an ordeal necessary before a soldier can call himself thoroughly competent).

"No," comes the reply; "I did go to the dentist, but he wouldn't pull the tooth out."

The messengers employed are sometimes amusing persons. There is one for whom the common name of Jack will serve. He watched a clerk employing his evening practicing typewriting, and felt constrained to utter praise. "I tell you what, Joe," he remarked, admiringly, "if you go on at that rate you'll soon be a regular bloning novice."

He by no means understood why everybody laughed, and five minutes later approached the chief clerk to ask: "Sergeant, I've been on since seven this morning. Can I be sufficed with, please?"—Tilt-Bits.

CIVILITY FOR NO. 75.

The new dairyman had been given instructions that the lady at No. 75 was inclined to find fault. But she was a good customer, and he was on no account to be rude to her.

"Those eggs you left here yesterday were stale," grunted Mrs. 75 on the dairyman's second visit.

"Them eggs," responded the dairyman blandly, "was laid 'arf an hour before you 'ad 'em by special, quick-laying birds imported from the Mooly-Wumps' Isles, marm, an' they came down ter this very house by Marconi-gram, so as yer should get 'em fresh. A bit of a twangy flavor they may 'ave, but you can lay odds, marm, they weren't stale."

Mrs. 75 gasped. "Well, the milk didn't seem as good as usual yesterday, either," she pursued.

"Well, the guv'nor will be cut up when 'e 'ears that!" continued the dairyman. "E sent down to Haiden hey a-purpose for a cow we'll eat nothing but peaches an' pineapples. 'Never mind the expense, sez 'e. 'This 'ere cow we keeps a-purpose for the lady at 75; an' mind it sleeps on a feather bed at nights, 'e sez, an' 'won't forget the haiderdowm quilt an' the bed socks.' Was there anything wrong w' the butter, marm?"

But Mrs. 75 shook her head, breathless. That was enough for one day, thank you!—Tilt-Bits.

An inquisitive old lady asked a Royal Defence Corps veteran what the letters, "R. D. C." meant. "Reformed Drunkards' Corps, m'am," he replied solemnly. "Dear me," she murmured, "what miracles those reformed drunks do perform!"

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The Chair will be taken at 8 p.m. prompt by Mr. A. Watchman. Ladies and Returned Soldiers Especially Invited. Come and Hear the Working Class Side.

UTILIZE TIMES WANT ADS

High School Activities

Beta Delta Reaches End of Successful Term; Patriotic Work of School Has Not Been in Vain; Agricultural Classes' Progress.

The Beta Delta has reached the end of a highly successful term, probably the most successful for several years. This has been largely due to the introduction of several new features, the high performance and the joint meetings with the Portia Society. Recitations and short speeches have been interspersed with the time-honored debates. The attendance has been rapidly increasing, many meetings having been attended by fifty or more boys. Over twenty have taken part in the formal programmes and others have assisted. So excellent has the work done by the speakers been that at a committee meeting held this week, the Beta Delta gold pin for proficiency in speaking was awarded to Hamilton, Yeo, C. Campbell, V. Hall and Nash. This is the largest number awarded during any one term in the history of the society. The thanks of the members are due to Hutchinson and Jackson for their excellent work in connection with the advertising. It is hoped that during the next term the interest will be sustained, and that another page of equal worth will be added to the history of the society.

Patriotic Work

The High School Patriotic Organization has been very active this year, and much useful work has been accomplished. Through the monthly collection of five cents from each pupil and the proceeds of the gymnasium display held several weeks ago, the organization has been able to send over three hundred Christmas parcels, each containing socks, candies and many other useful articles, to the ex-pupils of the institution who are in England or in France. On the first day of the "Victory Loan" campaign the school through its committee subscribed for \$100 of bonds, while this same committee, on the advice of one of its pupil members, without any previous encouragement by the faculty, led in sending actual financial aid to the sufferers in Halifax to the amount of \$75. But this is not all, for again, on the suggestion of a pupil, a concert was held in the auditorium of the school which netted over \$100, which was presented to the general Red Cross.

Agricultural Class

In the agricultural class, which is new to the High School this year, there has been considerable highly commendable activity. On the advice of A. Hall, one of its members, the "Students' Agricultural Club of B. C." was formed with the object of stimulating interest in agriculture and of encouraging education along these lines.

One of the first activities was a debate on "Resolved that girls are as capable of farming as boys." After an interesting discussion, Denholm and Miss Graham, of the affirmative, defeated their opponents, A. Hall and Miss Kick. Later a delegation was sent to Duncan to urge the agriculture class of that town to organize. After some address by the delegates, Mr. Hillwright, Denholm, Hall, MacKenzie and Miss Scoble, the Duncan representatives, passed a vote of approval of the idea. A very important matter was discussed keenly at the last meeting, to determine which students were eligible to become members of the club. It was finally decided to admit all pupils of the school, and an invitation has accordingly been extended to all to join.

The WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.



Victoria, Dec. 15-5 a. m.—The barometer remains abnormally low over Northern British Columbia, accompanied by cold weather and snow is falling at Prince Rupert. The weather is mild on Vancouver Island and eastward to Kootenay, while in the Southern States intense cold continues. Memphis reports only 10 above zero.

Reports

Victoria—Barometer, 29.7; temperature, maximum yesterday, 51; minimum, 44; wind, 16 miles S. E.; rain, .14; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.72; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 44; wind, 10 miles S. E.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.32; temperature, maximum yesterday, 25; minimum, 24; wind, 5 miles E.; snow, .30; weather, snowing.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.66; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 40 miles S.; rain, .30; weather, raining.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, maximum yesterday, 56; minimum, 50; wind, 10 miles S. W.; rain, .04; weather, raining.

Seattle—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 46; wind, 26 miles S.; rain, .02; weather, raining.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.19; temperature, maximum yesterday, 60; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.

Temperature

Temperature	Max.
Nanaimo (Entrance Is.)	48
Barkerville	28
Crabbrook	29

PROFITABLE PLAY.

Some time before the outbreak of war two travellers on the continental train began chatting to each other.

"On your way to Monte Carlo, sir, that delightful and exclusive home for gamblers?" inquired one.

"That is exactly where I am going," was the reply.

"And you will play just a little, I suppose?"

"I do nothing else, sir; it's my business."

"Gracious! You don't mean to say you make a business of it?"

"Yes, sir, twice a day regularly, and I never by any chance lose."

"In that case, perhaps you will explain your system to me?"

"Certainly, with pleasure; I play the violin!"—Tit-Bits.

Referendum Would Leave Our Fighters in the Lurch!

Hon. N. W. Rowell said in Toronto—"On December 17 you must choose a real Union Government, or you must choose a Government that will abolish conscription and leave our men in the lurch!"

IT IS imperative that the Canadians at the front be reinforced at the earliest possible moment. Union Government asks for your support that it may continue raising the necessary 100,000 reinforcements from CLASS ONE.

Laurier and his adherents propose delaying the sending of those reinforcements about a year to tinker with a referendum. Modern warfare is a matter of hours and minutes. Armies cannot wait!

Therefore

SUPPORT UNION GOVERNMENT

Vote for the Unionist Candidate

He represents the union of those men in both great parties in Canada who place the winning of the war above all else; who are resolved that nothing shall interfere with Canada's participation and who realize that the future history of the Dominion is now being shaped.

The Ballot Is a Weapon in Your Hands

Oppose Union Government now and you turn that weapon on your own soldier relative or friend in the trenches. Therein lies the issue and you cannot close your eyes to it—

Vote for the Unionist Candidate

and thereby

Defend the Men Who Are Defending YOU!

Unionist Party Publicity Committee

of VICTORIA THE NORTHWEST AND THE WORLD

Big Leagues Make No Cut In Plans for 1918 Play

No Cause for Alarm Was Decision of Yesterday's Confab; Collection of Federal War Tax Agreed on Between the Majors

Chicago, Dec. 15.—There will be no curtailment of the playing season, no slashing of the player limit, nor limitation of the training season in the major leagues the coming year. The clubowners of the National and American Leagues decided at their joint meeting here yesterday that there was no cause for alarm in baseball at present. They agreed that if the war forces them to retrench it will be time enough to adopt a war policy when they actually face conditions next spring.

The two leagues decided to open the 1918 season on Tuesday, April 16, a week later than last year and to play a 154-game schedule, which has been the programme for years.

War Tax

The National League agreed to the American League plan for the collection of the Federal war tax. It was decided to collect only what the Government imposes—three cents on a bleacher seat, five cents on pavilion seats, eight cents on grandstand and ten cents on box seats. The league also decided to collect a 10-cent tax on every free admission.

There is every indication that the plan for a new division of the world's series prize, which previously had been opposed by President Johnson of the American League will be adopted. President Johnson and August Herrmann, president of the Cincinnati Nationals and chairman of the National Baseball Commission, were empowered to decide on the advisability of adopting the scheme, which provides that the four first-division clubs in the two leagues shall share in the purse.

Pool Money

"I was much impressed with the thought," President Johnson said last night. "I came from Mr. Herrmann, and I believe I shall vote for it. We propose to pool the world's series money, and also the receipts of city series, which will make a rich prize."

Two baseball deals, one of which rivalled the famous sale of Alexander and Killifer, the star Philadelphia battery, to the Chicago Nationals early in the week were made yesterday. The transactions involved \$75,000 in cash and nine players.

Star Pitcher Sold

"Bull" Joe Bush, the star pitcher of the Philadelphia-American League Club and his two team-mates—Walter Schang, a catcher, and Outfielder Amos Strunk—were sold to the Boston Americans for \$60,000, and Pitcher Veau Gregg, Outfielder Kopp and Catcher Thomas. The deal strengthens the Red Sox and depletes the famous Athletics, completing the work started several years ago by Manager Connie Mack when he began dismembering his famous champions. Stuffy McInnis now is the only member left of the noted machine.

Other Trades

While baseball men were still blinking in surprise at this trade, the St. Louis Americans sold Outfielder Shotton and Shortstop Lavan to Washington for \$15,000, and Pitcher Gallia. The sale of Lavan caused no surprise as he and Second-Baseman Pratt of the St. Louis Club have a \$100,000 suit pending against Phil B. C. Ball, president of the club. He is alleged to have charged these players with "laying down." It is expected that a deal involving Pratt will be made.

RED SOX PRESIDENT



HARRY FRAZEE

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Harry Frazee, president of the Boston American Club, has purchased Outfielder Amos Strunk, Pitcher Joe Bush and Catcher Schang from the Philadelphia Americans for \$60,000.

In addition to the price consideration, Frazee gave Pitcher Veau Gregg, Catcher Thomas and Outfielder Kopp for the players.

ENLIST WITH NAVY.

Boston, Dec. 15.—Two more members of the Boston Americans enlisted in the navy. It was learned to-day, Pitchers Fenwick and Bader signed as yeomen, making eleven members of the team to enter war service.

FAMOUS OUTFIELDER



AMOS STRUNK

Of the Philadelphia Americans, who with Pitcher Joe Bush and Catcher Schang, has been purchased by Harry Frazee, president of the Boston Americans.

COMMITTEE TO PLAN.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Divisions of world's series gate receipts is the only question pertaining to the war policies of the American and National Leagues which remains to be settled after yesterday's joint conference between representatives of the two organizations. The sixteen club owners appointed President Ban Johnson of the American League and Garry Herrmann, a committee to work out a plan whereby clubs other than the league champions will share in the receipts.

Cut a piece off the ends of potatoes before they are roasted. This will let out any moisture and make them meaty.

Tener Declares Baseball Indispensable to Nation

New York, Dec. 15.—Holding that baseball is such an important factor in American life that it is "indispensable," John K. Tener, President of the National League, in his annual address to the organization last Tuesday, made public here to-day, urged the owners to maintain just as high a standard of play as possible during the war.

He declared himself confident that by "fostering, protecting and advancing the game," baseball would be more popular than ever after the war.

"With respect to the interest the American people will take in their national game next year," he said, "I do not hesitate to express my confidence in their loyalty and attachment to it."

"Our patrons are interested as sportsmen in our national game. For after all baseball to them is but a sport."

NEW YEAR'S DAY PROGRAMME WILL BE BIG FEATURE

Y. M. C. A. Athletic Heads Plan for Relay Race and Other Sporting Events

"A big sport programme for New Year's Day" was the slogan adopted by the Athletic Committee of the Y. M. C. A. at its regular monthly meeting. The proposed programme will include a variety of sporting events that will call for entries from boys and men of all ages. A relay race, tournaments of badminton and volleyball, a swimming gala, a demonstration of gymnasium class work and basketball are the principal features that will be of interest to Victorians in general. The arrangements for the day are in the hands of the Athletic Committee of the Association, and every effort is being made to insure an unparalleled success.

Thereby race, which in past years has always proved an item of striking importance, should again be the feature of New Year's morning. The winning team will have the distinction of being the possessor for one year of the shield known as the Junior Relay Trophy. Representatives of clubs desiring to enter the contest should lose no time in getting in touch with G. A. Morgan, Secretary of the Physical Department Committee, at the Y. M. C. A., in order that the full number of those participating may be known well in advance of the day.

In the afternoon at the Association Building events of a varied nature will be staged. On the gymnasium floor a game of basketball will be played between a representative team of Canadian Militia men from the Willows Camp and a team of the Y. M. C. A. This will be followed by a pass at volleyball in which the President's and Business Men's teams will battle against each other.

While these events are in progress a swimming gala will be the feature of events at the pool. The Y. M. C. A. Swimming Club has the affair in charge and intends to make success of the event. C. E. Hopper, chairman of the club on the Physical Department Committee has been training the members in a strenuous manner of late and intends to show the public what proficiency can be attained by young men and boys in aquatic performances.

The Association is issuing an invitation to Victorians in general to be present to witness the events of the day.

On the evening of the same day it is expected that the seating capacity of the gymnasium will be fully occupied. Physical Director James Thompson has announced that he will give a class demonstration. As this will include all the forms of physical training taught by the institution it should prove an interesting feature.

The day's programme will be terminated by a basketball contest between a Y. M. C. A. team and a quintette of outsiders.

BOXING FANS GIVE TO RED CROSS AND TO HALIFAX RELIEF

Seattle, Dec. 15.—When Ole Hanson climbed through the ropes of last night's smelter at the Crystal Pool and said that the people of Halifax were suffering, and Charles A. Reynolds told of the need of the Red Cross for funds, the boxing fans showered silver, gold and currency upon the speakers until between \$400 and \$500 was collected for the two funds.

The main event on the programme was a bout between Johnny McCarthy, of San Francisco, and George Ingel, of Seattle. Referee Schacht called the bout a draw.

The surprise of the evening was dished up by Steven Reynolds and Frank Farmer. In the first round of the mill the fighting fireman clipped Farmer on the hip with a left hook and scored a knockout.

Eddie McKenna boxed a fast draw. Jack Labet and Walter Porck, of Tacoma, went four even rounds, and Eddie Hammond won a verdict over Percy Walker.

CONNIE MACK CUTS INTO PLAYING MEN

For Third Time He Lets More of Star Material Leave the Athletics

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—The sale by the Philadelphia Athletics of Strunk, Bush and Schang to the Boston Americans for \$60,000 and three players is the second big baseball surprise for the Philadelphia fans this week. They had hardly gotten over the surprise caused by the sale of the Philadelphia Nationals' star battery, Alexander and Killifer, to the Chicago Cubs.

This is the third time in the last few years that Connie Mack has cut deep into his playing staff. The first was when he let Bender, Plank and Combs go. The second was the letting out of Eddie Collins, Jack Barry, "Home-Run" Baker and Pitcher Schawkey. The sale of Strunk, Bush and Schang leaves "Stuffy" McInnis as the only veteran of Mack's former world's champion team.

Amos Strunk is 23 years old. He came to the Athletics in 1909 and is ranked as one of the fastest fielders in the American League and also a hard hitter.

"Bull" Joe Bush is 25. He joined the Athletics in 1912 and was one of Connie Mack's dependable pitchers when his other twirling stars began to wane. In 1916 he pitched a no-hit game.

"Wally" Schang came to the Athletics in 1912. He is 23 years old, Schang is an all-round player, having filled positions in the outfield and infield as well as catcher.

Since the very outset the Premier of France has shown Michaels to be a liar and a Russian Minister shows he is a falsifier. It becomes evident that Michaels is the sort of Chancellor the Kaiser and the Crown Prince have been looking for all these years.—Kansas City Star.

America only entered the war to deprive Germany of victory.—Frankfurter Zeitung. It is a delight to quote from a German newspaper an exact statement of fact.—Syracuse Post-Standard.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE NANAIMO FEDERAL RIDING

Mr. Hector Allen Stewart, of Tyee Siding, B. C. Liberal Candidate for the Nanaimo Federal Riding in the forthcoming election, is a lumberman with large interests in the district. He is opposed to the so-called Union Government, formed nominally by Sir Robert Borden, but actually by Sir Clifford Sifton and the Big Interests of the East, in the hope that the predatory interests of Canada and the hosts of profiteers that have been fattening on the war pangs of the nation under the guise of patriotism, may be allowed to continue their work as long as the Great War lasts.

He declares that the Conscription Act, introduced at the last moment, on the eve of an election, was designed for the purpose of securing a thoroughly discredited Government from certain defeat. This Act is unfair as against British Columbia compared with Quebec and some other Eastern Provinces, in that a much greater proportion of our laboring population is being drained and their places being taken by foreigners, mostly Orientals.

We have already sent overseas a greater percentage of our population than any other Province. Exemption tribunals in Quebec, appointed by the Government and supposed to carry out the policy of the Government, are exempting 24 per cent. of all who are applying for exemption, and practically all in Quebec are applying for exemption. While in B. C. where already 14 per cent. of the population have enlisted, further drafts are being made without regard to equality throughout Canada and without regard to industrial and labor requirements. It is an "Election Act" pure and simple, and not an Act for national service.

Let it be emphasized again that from B. C. we have already sent 14 per cent. of our white population, while Eastern Provinces have sent

For Canada and the Empire To the Electors Nanaimo Federal Riding

As Unionist Candidate for this Riding, duly selected by Convention as representative of the Liberals and Conservatives, Labor, Win-the-War League, Returned Soldiers, and Farmers, I call upon you in the name of Canada for your whole-hearted support.

We all have a duty to perform, not only to Canada, but to the whole world, in the cause of LIBERTY and FREEDOM.

A great National peril has arisen in this WORLD-WAR, and the opportunity of choice is here before us to survive as a Democracy or become lost in a state of Feudalism.

Russia is out of the war in a state of Anarchy—the fate of Italy trembling in the balance, with France and the two great Anglo-Saxon nations left to bear an almost unsupportable burden.

The great issue before us is a very simple one. Do we wish to retain our Nationality? If so, we have come to the point where we must fight for it, with our men, and with all the resources of the whole country. We have given, and we must continue to give, if we wish to survive as a Nation.

With compulsory military service, there should be the same measure of conscription of wealth. This is not a mere figure of speech—wealth can be reached as easily as men and can be more readily spared and can be replaced, whereas life cannot be restored.

PROFITEERING MUST CEASE.

It is regrettable that human depravity can be so low as to stoop to the taking of undue and unfair profits on war supplies, when men are giving their lives to the cause of Freedom. This must cease, and I here pledge and charge myself to make war upon those trafficking with the vital resources of the country by conscripting all war profits, past, present and future.

PARTY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN THE CAUSE. UNION GOVERNMENT IS THE REMEDY.

The remedies are now being applied as witness effective Government control of packing house profits, and the controlling of food prices. We have no room for the allies in Canada who are not prepared to be one with us at this time.

Generous provision must be made for the returned soldier, of a constructive nature and not merely temporary. The avenues of his return to civil life must be kept clear and no obstacle placed in his way.

A better and fairer system of pensioning those who are disabled must be inaugurated, taking into consideration the decreased earning power. Medical boards ordering such matters, should have had experience at the front.

The welfare of dependents of those on active service must be assured by the country.

LET US TEST THE ISSUE.

Would the Germans prefer a Union Government with a Canadian Canadian Nation behind it, or a Government fortified only by a referendum? LET US STAND TOGETHER THEREFORE, stand as the Romans stood in the days of old, when NONE were for the Party, and ALL were for the State.

J. C. McINTOSH, Unionist Candidate.

1284 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt, B. C., November 26, 1917.

AT THE HOTELS

Mrs. R. F. Logan and daughters, of Saskatoon, are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

H. Jones and Mrs. Jones, of Marengo, Sask., are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

A. M. Bourne and C. E. Prosser, of Weyburn, Sask., are visiting Victoria and staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. E. Bartlett and Miss L. Bartlett, of Cowichan Bay, are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Herman Hotze and Mrs. Hotze, of Lethbridge, are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

T. E. Heaman and family, of Virdee, Man., are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

R. P. Edwards, of Salt Spring Island, is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

R. S. Henderson, of Duncan, is amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

A. Murphy and family are in from Jordan River and are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

William Rutherford, of Lethbridge, is at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Cole and Miss Baker, of Cowichan Bay, are new arrivals at the Strathcona Hotel.

F. Yates, of Shawinigan Lake, is stopping at the Strathcona Hotel.

A. C. Anderson, of Ashcroft, arrived at the Strathcona Hotel yesterday.

Miss M. A. Johnson, of South Wellington, is at the Strathcona Hotel.

T. G. Baker and A. M. Knox are Vancouver guests at the Strathcona Hotel.

G. E. Watson, of Toronto, registered at the Strathcona Hotel yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hunt, of New York, have arrived at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bloor, of Portland, Ore., are registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

R. F. Meggee, of San Francisco, is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

There is no justice in a peace which proposes that the villain shall come out of the war with an applause as the hero.—Columbus Dispatch.

University School for Boys

Recent successes at McGill University. Second place in Canada in 1916 at the Royal Military College, Kingston. Second place in Canada in 1917 at the Royal Military College, Kingston. Second place in Canada in 1918 at the Royal Military College, Kingston.

BOYS TAKEN FROM 8 YEARS OF AGE AND UPWARDS

Half Term commences Thursday, November 1, 1917. Warden—Rev. W. W. Bolton, M.A. (Cantab). Headmaster—J. C. Barnack, Esq. (London University). For particulars and prospectus apply the Headmaster.

Present yourself with a worth-while

SUIT

A Suit of Clothes with INDIVIDUALITY PERSONALITY DISTINCTIVENESS STYLE AND FIT

A select range of this season's woollens to choose from.

G. H. Redman

655 Yates St. Tailor to Men and Women.

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"WILL YOU TAKE HAND FROM PLOUGH ON MONDAY NEXT"

F. J. Stacpoole, K. C., Asks
Esquimaux Audience What
Will the Answer Be?

MAJOR HARVEY SCORES "RENEGADE" SOLDIERS

"Will you take your hand from the
plough and desert your country? Let

your decision be registered on election
day, and remember Currie's message:
"Do not desert us in the hour of our
need, in the hour of our approaching
triumph," said F. J. Stacpoole, K. C.,
at the Unionist meeting last evening
at the Rex Theatre, Esquimaux, which
was well attended, and very enthusi-
astic for the party candidates. On the
arrival of J. C. McIntosh, the candi-
date, and Mr. Stacpoole from a meet-
ing at Marshall's Hall, there was
much applause. Until their arrival the
hall had been occupied with two mili-
tary speakers, Major J. S. Harvey, of
the 1st Canadian Trench Battalion, and
Lieut. H. W. V. Rolston, who has just
returned from Europe, and J. H. Warnick,
who has been campaigning up-Island for the
party.

At Twenty Meetings.
Mr. Stacpoole declared that he had
spoken so much now that he had be-
come a peripatetic word machine.
Again he apologized for parting com-
pany with his reverend leader, Sir Wil-
frid Laurier, who in this instance had
followed the wrong path, when he
might have "put the crown on the edi-

fice of his life's work." This was the
twentieth meeting he had addressed,
and the more confident he became that
he had adopted the right course, as he
found the sentiment growing stronger
for the Unionist candidates.

Speaking of the other candidates in
that riding, Mr. Stacpoole said: "I
don't believe many know Hector A.
Stewart as I did in the Yukon. He's
right in his way, but he got off with
the wrong foot this time and with a
false perspective. If you know any-
thing about this man Taylor it's more
than I do. I call it an appalling piece
of impudence, the acme of impu-
dence, for a man who says he has no
country to ask the people to vote for
him so that he may govern their
country."

Referring to the need for reinforce-
ments, he observed that the wastage
of men in France was such as to ren-
der the supplying of them from Can-
ada the first necessity of the Govern-
ment, and every other contingency
must take second place to that feeling.
Did the people require to give a more
emphatic verdict on compulsory ser-
vice than he was satisfied would be
given on Monday? Therefore was a
referendum necessary? Had not the
Victory Loan shown how the people
felt towards the war?

The Candidate.
J. C. McIntosh, the candidate, spoke
briefly at the end of the proceedings,
declaring that Union Government was
the ideal form of Government. "The
Kaiser would rather lose two army
corps than see Union Government gain
power in Canada. I am not asking
you to support your native land. When
you go to the polling station don't
think of me. Think of Canada."

He was perfectly confident how the
issue would go when it came to the
opinion of the people, who would ex-
press themselves in no uncertain fash-
ion at the polls.

"Profiteering shall and will be wiped
out," he asserted amid applause. The
patronage evil was also being tackled
in a mainly way by the new Govern-
ment, to the benefit of the communi-
ties of the Dominion who had suffered
under past systems. Primarily its
duty, however, was to forward rein-
forcements to the men, to the Canadian
army, as the wastage was twice the
supply of men, and to those who had
secured the laurels at Ypres, Vimy
Ridge, Passchendaele, there would be
sent, he was confident, the support
which Canada owed to them.

Hour of Gethsemane.
J. B. Warnick spoke briefly and
well, tracing the reasons why he had
left his party on this occasion, and de-
clared that in this hour of Gethsemane
Canada would not follow Laurier's
lead. The man who could not support
the Unionists at this time was "deba-
iled, vicious, or something was wrong
with him," he observed. In voting for
the Unionists they would be thinking
not only of the present but of future
generations.

Major Harvey set at rest any doubts
whether he was dissatisfied with the
manner in which the Duncan Con-
vention had been managed which nomi-

nated Mr. McIntosh, by stating at the
outset that while it was natural to be
disappointed, Mr. McIntosh would be
a better representative than he would
at Ottawa, and he urged his friends
to support the candidate heartily.

Is He the Same?

When he was in the Yukon a Hector
Allen Stewart had been delegated by
Col. J. W. Boyle to buy 50 horses for
the Yukon Mounted Machine Gun
Corps, composed of men all of six feet
or more in height. Mr. Stewart, he
said, had been on close terms with
Col. Boyle while in the Yukon, and it
would be expected that even out of
friendship he would have got the best
horses the \$10,000 allotted to him
would buy. The actual result was,
however, that fifty cayuses were
bought, animals that could hardly
carry a boy. They were rejected by
Col. A. D. MacRae, Inspector of Re-
mounts, and had to be replaced. Was
this the same man?

"If Mr. Stewart is the 'Heck' Ste-
ward who figured in the horse deal, what
hypocrisy is there in his charges. Is
there a worse example of profiteering
than his own deal?"

Without Country.

Referring to the Labor candidate,
Mr. Taylor, who had stated he is with-
out a country, and would just as soon
be under a German master, Major
Harvey thought he must be the most
miserable and unhappy creature, for
the essence of happiness is love of
country. "By virtue of the office I
hold," he went on, "I know the feeling
of the returned men on the issue that
confronts Canada to-day. I learned to
love my men who served under me in
the trenches, and I have learned to love
the returned men under me in 'F
Unit.' (Applause.) "I can say that I
have known no finer body of men than
those in that unit, with the exception
of a few that I will speak of later. I
know that the thoughts of every man
in the trenches to-day must be of
home. They think more of us while
this national crisis exists. I venture to
say that on Monday every Canadian
out there will be thinking of one thing
—whether Canada will carry on. If
the verdict goes against the boys in
the trenches, the Germans will take
advantage of the psychological mo-
ment and drive a cruel attack against
the Canadians, broken in spirit by the
news from home. What will be the
result?"

The "Renegade."
Of those who had spoken on other
platforms, he would say: "In my opin-
ion, and I know it is the opinion of
other returned soldiers, that these men
are as guilty to-day of deserting their
comrades in the hour of their peril as
they would be if they deserted on the
field of action. That being so, they
are worthy of one punishment."

"Remember that for every black
cross put opposite the name of J. C.
McIntosh on your ballot there is one
less white cross on the fields of France
and Flanders." (Applause.)

Lieut. Rolston.

Lieut. Rolston spoke of the situation
as it pertained to conditions in Eng-
land and France. He argued that 90
per cent. of the soldiers' vote overseas
would go for conscription, and that the
Canadian army, representative of a
larger population than Australia and
New Zealand united, was smaller than
the forces of those dominions. He was
confident, after eleven months in
France and as long in hospital in Eng-
land, that there was need of great dis-
cipline and endurance to win the war,
far more than had been hitherto shown
in Canada. In coming home he had
been careful to observe how the young
men of military age stacked up in Que-
bec and other provinces and he said he
found as many slackers in the English
speaking provinces as in Quebec.

Three Classes.

Military men back in Canada, from
whom the opposition was drawing sup-
port against conscription were of three
classes, men holding higher commis-
sions than subalterns, who would not
revert, soreheads over the age of
thirty-six, who had been sent back,
and men permanently unfit for active
service. Some of the officers who re-
fused to revert had come back to Can-
ada full of bitterness against the Bor-
den Government. He warned them
against the influence of German gold
in Canada towards influencing a peace
settlement.

Rev. Father Silver made an accep-
table chairman, while Rev. W. Baugh
Allen had presided at the Gorge meet-
ing. Vocal selections were rendered by
Mrs. Jesse Longfield.

On the platform, among others were
H. H. Pooley, M. P. P., T. H. Slater, and
representatives of the Great War Vet-
erans' Association.

ENEMY ALIENS ON MUNICIPAL LISTS

Problems of Municipal Officers
in Preparing Voters' Lists
Should Be Minimized

One aspect of the municipal elections
next month is likely to be a closer
scrutiny of the nationality of electors
who are property-owners, and there-
fore automatically go off to the elec-
toral roll, but whose British citizen-
ship is open to considerable question.
In and around Victoria there are a
number of people who have voted
without question whose parentage or
associations belong to the ene-
my countries, and who are
likely to be challenged when
the time comes. While there is
no power to deal with them before
the Courts of Revision, it is quite pos-
sible to challenge them at the poll.

The revision of the Municipal laws,
commenced, it is true, only to cover
emergency cases, should make it pos-
sible to deal with dead men's names
on the register by the municipal of-

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Officers charged with the duty of pre-
paring the lists. As the law now
stands it is possible for a returning
officer to attend the funeral of a man
whom he has personally known, yet he
cannot rectify the list and is bound by
the assessment roll.

In both the circumstances mentioned
above, the difficulties apply to the
freeholders, because in the case of an-
nual registrations as householders and
license holders, a personal visit to the
offices is necessary and the declaration
containing a statement of the nationality
of the applicant. Those personal ap-
pearances prevent a list becoming
clogged.

The only effectual remedy appears
to be to make personal registration
annually, for all classes. This heroic
remedy has been shied at by the legis-
lators on account of the large number
of non-resident owners, particularly
since the real estate boom brought
large numbers of investors to British
Columbia who take however, no in-
terest in the local administration, and
merely keep up their taxes with a view

to speculative rise in the realty owned.
The danger of peroration is undoubt-
edly great in a list where the respon-
sible officials have no opportunity of
knowing those whose names auto-
matically go upon the lists under the
present law.

BUYING A HABIT.

A countryman, passing through a
town, was attracted by a notice in a
shop window, which read: "Good
Habits for Sale." After reading it he
went inside.

"Well, sir," said the assistant, "what
can I do for you?"

"I want to get a good habit, please,"
said the countryman.

"What kind would you like, sir?"
said the assistant.

"The one of getting up early in the
morning," replied the countryman.

The assistant looked astonished, then,
seeing a joke, wrote on a slip of paper:
"Please give bearer some self-raising
flour," and directed him to the grocery
shop next door.—Tit-Bits.

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TIME COMPANY SELLS

WILLIAM E. BURNHAM

Four-Masted Schooner Dis-
posed of at Price Said
to Be \$125,000

The schooner William E. Burnham has been sold by the Pacific Lime Company to W. S. Cammell & Co. for a price reported to be \$125,000. The William E. Burnham was originally purchased by the Pacific Lime Company from New York interests and brought out to this coast to be operated in the lime carrying trade between Blubber Bay, B. C., and San Francisco. She is a wooden, four-masted schooner of 772 tons register, 199.5 feet long, 35.4 feet beam and 15 feet depth of hold and was built in 1909 by Cobb, Butler & Co., of Rockland, for the Benedict Manson Marine Company, of New Haven, Conn.

She made what is declared to be the longest passage ever made by a sailing vessel between the Atlantic coast and British Columbia, making the trip from New York via the Panama Canal. Reported long overdue the William E. Burnham, several months out, put in at Acapulco, Mexico, having been battered by storm and delayed by calms. Anxiety was felt for her even after she put to sea from the Mexican seaboard, the vessel being long overdue when she finally made San Francisco. From the Golden Gate port she came on to British Columbia.

The Burnham was the first of a number of vessels acquired by the Pacific Lime Company, which concern, finding it extremely difficult to secure delivery of its lime product at San Francisco, decided to acquire a fleet of its own. One of the vessels purchased was the former C. P. R. steamer Queen City.

STORMS POSTPONE

SALVAGE WORK ON WRECKED STEAMER

Salvage operations on the wrecked steamer Al-Ki, which stranded early last month on the rocky shores of Chichagof Island, near Point Augusta, have been postponed until the spring on account of the heavy winter gales which have been sweeping Southeastern Alaska.

The plan was to rip the hull to pieces and save the boilers, machinery and gear within the next few weeks, but heavy weather caused the abandonment of the scheme for the present. E. W. Delckoff, chief engineer of the Al-Ki, was sent north by a number of Seattle men who acquired the wreck from the underwriters. It is proposed to save not only the boilers and machinery, but also the brass and copper in the hull.

TIDE TABLE.

Date.	Time	High	Time	Low	Time	High	Time	Low
1	9:15	8.7	10:15	8.1	11:15	7.5	12:15	6.3
2	9:25	8.5	10:25	7.9	11:25	6.7	12:25	5.5
3	9:35	8.3	10:35	7.7	11:35	6.5	12:35	5.3
4	9:45	8.1	10:45	7.5	11:45	6.3	12:45	5.1
5	9:55	7.9	10:55	7.3	11:55	6.1	12:55	4.9
6	10:05	7.7	11:05	7.1	12:05	5.9	1:05	4.7
7	10:15	7.5	11:15	6.9	12:15	5.7	1:15	4.5
8	10:25	7.3	11:25	6.7	12:25	5.5	1:25	4.3
9	10:35	7.1	11:35	6.5	12:35	5.3	1:35	4.1
10	10:45	6.9	11:45	6.3	12:45	5.1	1:45	3.9
11	10:55	6.7	11:55	6.1	12:55	4.9	1:55	3.7
12	11:05	6.5	12:05	5.9	1:05	4.7	2:05	3.5
13	11:15	6.3	12:15	5.7	1:15	4.5	2:15	3.3
14	11:25	6.1	12:25	5.5	1:25	4.3	2:25	3.1
15	11:35	5.9	12:35	5.3	1:35	4.1	2:35	2.9
16	11:45	5.7	12:45	5.1	1:45	3.9	2:45	2.7
17	11:55	5.5	12:55	4.9	1:55	3.7	2:55	2.5
18	12:05	5.3	1:05	4.7	2:05	3.5	3:05	2.3
19	12:15	5.1	1:15	4.5	2:15	3.3	3:15	2.1
20	12:25	4.9	1:25	4.3	2:25	3.1	3:25	1.9
21	12:35	4.7	1:35	4.1	2:35	2.9	3:35	1.7
22	12:45	4.5	1:45	3.9	2:45	2.7	3:45	1.5
23	12:55	4.3	1:55	3.7	2:55	2.5	3:55	1.3
24	1:05	4.1	2:05	3.5	3:05	2.3	4:05	1.1
25	1:15	3.9	2:15	3.3	3:15	2.1	4:15	0.9
26	1:25	3.7	2:25	3.1	3:25	1.9	4:25	0.7
27	1:35	3.5	2:35	2.9	3:35	1.7	4:35	0.5
28	1:45	3.3	2:45	2.7	3:45	1.5	4:45	0.3
29	1:55	3.1	2:55	2.5	3:55	1.3	4:55	0.1
30	2:05	2.9	3:05	2.3	4:05	1.1	5:05	0.0
31	2:15	2.7	3:15	2.1	4:15	0.9	5:15	0.0

The time used in Pacific standard, for the 120th meridian west. It is counted from 9 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. When blank occur in the table, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning.

Equinox.—To find the depth of water on the sill of the dry dock at any tide, add 19.6 feet to the height of high water as above given.

There's no chance of the Teutonic Allies falling out over the spoils for two good reasons: First, there will not be any; and, secondly, if there were, Berlin would take them all.—Labor Dispatch.

CANADIAN ARCTIC NAVIGATOR NOW ASSISTING STATES

Capt. Robert Bartlett Holds Post of Marine Superintendent at New York



CAPT. ROBERT BARTLETT.

Capt. Robert Bartlett, Newfoundland, famous Arctic navigator who was with Peary and Stefansson as commander of the Roosevelt and Karluk respectively, and who but recently succeeded in effecting the rescue of the McMillan party, is now in the service of the United States Government, having been appointed to the position of marine superintendent at the port of New York.

News of Capt. Bartlett's appointment at New York has been received by Lieut. W. H. Whiteley, of this city, a close friend of the Arctic navigator and with whom Capt. Bartlett stayed following his return here from his last Arctic expedition.

In his capacity as marine superintendent at New York, Capt. Bartlett will doubtless have considerable responsibility thrust upon his broad shoulders in connection with the dispatch of the new American army over-seas. No doubt exists in the minds of Victorians that the right man has been selected for the important task.

Rear-Admiral Peary, the man who discovered the North Pole, and who is now at the head of the United States aeroplane service, knows the capabilities of Capt. Bartlett as a navigator and organizer.

WIRELESS REPORT

December 15, 5 a. m.
Point Grey—Overcast; S. W., 2.0; 4; sea smooth.
Cape Lazo—Rain; S. E., strong; 2.5; 4; sea moderate. Spoke str. Venture, 5.5 a. m., abeam Cape Mudge, north-bound.
Pachena—Overcast; S., light; 2.5; 4; sea moderate.
Estevan—Rain; S. W., 2.5; 2.5; light swell.
Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 2.5; 2.5; sea smooth.
Triangle—Cloudy; N. W., light; 2.5; 2; sea rough.
Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; N. W., light; 2.5; 2; sea smooth.
Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; calm; 2.5; 2; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Snow; S. E., 2.5; 2; sea smooth. Spoke str. Cordova, 8.15 a. m., off Lawyer's Light, 1 p. m., north-bound.
Noon.
Point Grey—Rain; S. E., fresh; 2.5; 4; tide seaward.
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Triangle—Cloudy; calm; 2.5; 4; sea moderate. Str. Gray abeam Triangle, 2.30 a. m., south-bound.
Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; N. W., light; 2.5; 2; sea smooth.
Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; S. E., light; 2.5; 2; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Snow showers; W., 2.0; 2.5; sea smooth. Passed in str. Prince George, 10.30 a. m., north-bound; passed in str. Prince John, 5.50 a. m., north-bound.

TANK STEAMER ARRIVES.

The tank steamer La Brea, with a cargo of fuel oil, passed up the Gulf to-day, bound from Port San Luis, Cal., for Vancouver.

DANGEROUS MENACE ADRIFT

A close view of a German mine taken from the deck of Lieut. Vincent's motor launch. The horns, which can be plainly distinguished, are loaded with a small bottle of acid inside. When the horns come in contact with anything it explodes, thus breaking the bottle of acid, which causes the explosion. With these horns sticking out they present anything but a friendly appearance.

EXPLODING MINES IS EXCITING WORK

Lieut. C. D. Vincent, R. N. V. R., Serving With Submarine Chasers in Irish Sea

JOINED SERVICE HERE
EIGHTEEN MONTHS AGO

Many Hairbreadth Escapes While Fighting Mines Set Adrift by Enemy

The curtain shrouding the operations of the large fleet of armed motor boats in the Motor Boat Patrol Service is partly lifted by Lieut. Charles Douglas Vincent, R.N.V.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Vincent, 33 Erie Street. Lieut. Vincent, who has just been given the rank of full lieutenant in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, joined the Motor Boat Patrol Service at Esquimalt a year and a half ago, and for the past 15 months has been on active service on one of His Majesty's motor launches in the Irish Sea.

Lieut. Vincent has forwarded to his parents a number of very interesting photographs vividly illustrating the dangerous work in which he is now engaged—that of clearing the waters adjacent to the United Kingdom of floating mines set adrift by the enemy.

After leaving the Esquimalt station,

where it can more conveniently be knocked to smithereens.

Swimming to Mine.

Circumstances have arisen where it has been necessary for members of the boat's complement to swim out to the mine and make fast the grappling hooks. This is an extremely dangerous operation, as, in the event of anything bumping against the mine, the horns, which are of lead, break off when something comes in contact, an immediate explosion resulting. Swimming out to a mine was a recent experience of Lieut. Vincent.

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ous work performed by the crew-in-charge of the boats forming England's huge fleet of armed motor craft.

The hunting down and reporting positions of enemy submarines is equally exciting and dangerous. Since the Motor Boat Patrol Service was established, his senior officer being Lieut. T. B. McNabb, D.S.C., R.N.V.R. One of the pictures reproduced on this page shows Lieut. Vincent standing on the forward deck of his motor boat in company with Lieut. McNabb.

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The flying pieces from the exploded mine came dangerously close, he says, but fortunately nothing touched.

"With our gun report and owing to our small deck space," he says, "this was quite a shock."

Frequently, owing to the heavy sea running, it is impossible to register a hit, and it is then up to volunteers to man a boat for the purpose of making a line fast to the drifting mine and tow the brute to a sheltered spot.

The Pacific Steamship Company's steamship Queen, which has been undergoing a complete overhaul at Seattle, including the fitting of Wellin's patent davit system to facilitate the launching of lifeboats, will enter the British Columbia-California freight and passenger service next week, sailing from this port on Thursday next for San Francisco and Wilmington.

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GETTING THE RANGE



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JAPANESE STRIKE

SOON PETERED OUT

Men of Asano Dockyard Returned to Labors on Being Guaranteed Reward

The labor trouble between the directors and operatives of the Asano Dockyard, Tsurumi, Japan, particulars of which were published in a recent issue of this paper, has been settled, according to word reaching here by an Oriental liner, the Asano Company adopting a conciliatory attitude by promising to give \$5,000 to the assistant foremen and workmen, a special reward for their services in connection with the construction of the Japanese steamer Hakushika Maru.

Satisfied with the offer some 3,500 out of 5,500 employees resumed work, but not before further trouble had occurred between a section of the operatives and policemen detailed as guards. The workers, it is reported, threw stones and pieces of iron at the policemen, who defended themselves with drawn swords at the order of the chief of the Kawasaki police. This added more fuel to the indignation of the men, who, reinforced, attacked the engineers' office, used the guards roughly and threatened to destroy the building. Some 4,000 men joined in the raid.

The situation having assumed grave proportions, a strong force of extra policemen were secured from Kawasaki and Kanagawa to suppress the disturbance, but by the time they arrived on the scene the enraged workmen were under control.

The company then announced the promised reward and a large proportion of the men resumed work.

HEAVY WEATHER FORCED SPOKANE TO SEEK SHELTER

TO SEEK SHELTER

The damaged steamship Spokane, of the Pacific Steamship Company, accompanied by the Salvor, of the B. C. Salvage Company, was this forenoon reported off Alert Bay on her way to Seattle. Heavy blows have caused the Spokane to seek shelter on her way down from McLaughlin Bay, consequently progress has been slow. She is expected to reach Seattle some time tomorrow, when she will be taken to the plant of the Seattle Construction & Drydock Company for permanent repairs.

A DIRECT HIT

QUEEN TO REPLACE ADMIRAL WATSON ON CALIFORNIA ROUTE

THE POWER OF KALEDIN AND HIS COSSACKS

Leader Who Holds Whip Hand
Over Large Part of
Russia

Of all the men I have met in Russia, Kaledin gave me the strongest impression of contained force, writes the correspondent of The London News and Leader in Russia. A smallish man, with a personality that dominated in spite of his stature, with a face that seemed carved in unpolished pale Finnish granite, he brought with him a new spirit into the army that he inherited from Brusiloff. I was for some time with him on the southwestern front, and used to lunch daily at his staff headquarters. These meals were an excellent illustration of his character. Brusiloff had been a brilliant talker, much addicted to monologue, loving the pomp and circumstance of command. His staff had become accustomed to listen. There arrived Kaledin, ascetic to the point of austerity, and preferring to hear others speak than to talk himself. He would take his seat at the centre of that table that had once been the setting of Brusiloff's brilliances, get through his food at great speed and return to work. The staff, accustomed to listen, too much afraid of Kaledin to risk speech, sat as silent as himself; and it used to be one of my amusements to listen as they fled out of the door and hear the sudden burst of conversation as they left that dour presence, like men taking breath after breath after swimming for a long way under water.

Cossack Control.

With all that, only the inefficient disliked him. It was impossible to dislike a man so obviously single-minded, so obviously well-minded, as Kaledin. I am quite sure that whatever Kaledin does he does it because he thinks that it is the best thing for Russia, without the slightest thought of how its success or failure may affect himself. I remember scribbling in my diary after I left him that there was a man who if he felt he could do good by putting his fist through a concrete wall, would try it, and that, damaged or not, the fist would come through on the other side.

This is the man who at the present moment controls the Cossacks, and so controls the food supplies, the coal supplies and the oil supplies of Northern Russia. When the Temporary Government demanded his surrender after the Korniloff mutiny the Cossacks tried him themselves, declared him "not guilty," said there was no need for further trial, and denied the Government's right to take from him his post of Ataman, or chief of the Cossacks, which they said had been given him by Cossack vote and not by the Russian Government. Since then he has remained in the Cossack country, and now that Northern Russia is leaderless, Moderates and Bolsheviks alike look to the South in fear of Kaledin.

On the Edge of Starvation.

For Kaledin has Northern Russia, both Petrograd and Moscow, at his mercy. Perhaps it is already too late for him to use his mercy. It is not as if Petrograd was ever easy to feed. For nearly two years Petrograd has been approaching nearer and nearer, inch by inch, to the perilous edge of starvation. It has been fed only by great efforts, and the utmost use of what inefficient transport remained. The short stoppage of transport from the Cossack Land of Plenty and the drink will have been passed, and the stupendous catastrophe of Northern Russia will have begun, and will sweep inexorably to its end. Petrograd and Moscow have lived from hand to mouth. What if there is nothing in the hand? The factories stop for lack of fuel and the huge industrial population wanders without food or employment. Motors are useless for lack of petrol.

I think of Petrograd, that city in the swamp. There is no escape for its citizens by the Warsaw railway or the Baltic railway. By those the masses of starving soldiery will be returning from a foodless front. There is no escape for them by the Finnish railway, for barren Finland lives on Russia's bounty and will itself be starving. There is the Moscow line, and even if any considerable proportion of the inhabitants could so escape, will starving Moscow welcome starving Petrograd? The huge masses of Petrograd must escape on foot, in winter, through an immense area of forest, swamp and barren country.

And Then?

That is the nightmare which Kaledin and the Cossacks may loose on Northern Russia. That is the nightmare which may be loosed already, through no will of theirs, to sweep away Bolsheviks and Moderates alike, with the expiring multitude, in a disaster more gigantic than Napoleon's retreat from Moscow.

And what then? There will be no question of peace or war for Northern Russia. Northern Russia will have slipped from this world into the abyss. Germany may go there, or they may not. They will find nothing but dying folk asking for bread.

PERILS OF FISHING.

He had packed his rod and his basket, and his tackle and his flies and was indulging in a last chat with his friends before departing on his fishing trip to Scotland. Every year he spent his holidays in that way. "Good fishin' up there?" inquired an envious one. "Ger-lorious!" responded the piscatorial enthusiast. "Any trout," demanded a second. "Thousands of 'em!" replied the fisherman fervidly. "And will they bite easily?" put in a third with increased interest. "Will they bite?" repeated the enthusiast. "Why they are positively vicious! A man has to hide behind a tree to bait his hook!"

MEN AND WOMEN OF CANADA

DO YOU REALIZE the momentous duty, the tremendous opportunity your vote places upon you on Monday, December the Seventeenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen? Everything is at stake—everything that your forefathers have fought for—everything that you have lived for—every good thing you have hoped for will stand or fall as you vote on December the Seventeenth.

This Is Not an Election It Is a Battle With the Hun

Whose cause will be injured
WHEN you cast your vote for
the Unionist Candidate?—The
Kaiser's.

Whose cause will be supported
WHEN you cast your vote
for the Unionist Candidate?—
Canada's and the Allies.

Whose cause will be injured **IF**
you cast your vote for Laurier
and Bourassa?—Canada's and
the Allies.

Whose cause will be supported
IF you cast your vote for
Laurier and Bourassa—The
Kaiser's.

Never before in the history of this great Dominion has such a terrible crisis appeared and yet is called an election, and some electors appear not to understand its awful import. Union Government formed of representative men both Liberal and Conservative, has realized that in this crisis party affiliations must be cast aside and every energy expended to win the war. One hundred thousand reinforcements are desperately needed by our men in France. Union Government is pledged to raise them under the just provisions of the Military Service Act, 1917.

YOUR DUTY IS CLEAR SUPPORT UNION GOVERNMENT

Bourassa has joined forces with Laurier as he knows that the Laurier Policy can only mean one thing—**QUIT**—take Canada out of the war—break our pledge to the brave boys in France—drag Canada's fair name in the mud of world opinion—and clear the road for the Kaiser.

Shall Quebec Force Her Will on Canada?

Quebec, who has spurned her duty to Canada in the war, made Conscription necessary. Had the French-Canadian done his duty under the voluntary system of recruiting the Military Service Act, 1917, would not be in force to-day.

Are our boys in France and Flanders fighting for the liberties of all the people of Canada, or for only part of the people?

Shall Union Government be returned to power to enforce impartially the Military Service Act and procure the 100,000 reinforcement from ALL of Canada, making each Province do its full duty, or shall Laurier and Bourassa annul the Military Service Act?

IT RESTS WITH YOU—YOU HAVE THE VOTE FOR THE BOYS—OR THE KAISER

The Duty of Every Elector is to Vote for Dr. S. F. Tolmie, Victoria

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Help Wanted—Male

DICTIONARIES—The opposite of virtue is weakness rather than vice. Diction Printing Co., 706 Yates Street. Tel. 1090.

DOMINION EXPRESS foreign cheques accepted by Field Cashiers and Paymasters in France for their full face value. There is no better way to send money to the boys in the trenches. 12

EXPERIENCED motor driver; also warehouseman for wholesale grocery. Box 607, Times. 415-3

WANTED—A first-class, experienced accountant, with experience in general and factory accounts, man of middle-age, preferred. Write, stating experience and give references to character. Box 608, Times. 415-3

MACHINISTS are finally notified that their imperative duty is to report for industrial service at once with their local trade organization. Exemption from double fees will be granted those who write or call Secretary, 317 Catherine Street. Phone 565. 415-3

SMART INDUSTRIAL BOY wanted, about 16. Apply K. B. Smith, 115 Government Street. 415-3

INTERNATIONAL COINTEGRATION—SCHOOLS, 122 Douglas. Tel. 1090.

Help Wanted—Female

GIRL to assist with house work and two children; also in or out. Beveridge, 1510 Monterey Avenue. 415-3

WANTED—A girl for light house work. Apply 1118 Yates Street. 415-3

Situations Wanted—Male

A TEAMSTER, with heavy team, wants work. Phone 2618. 415-3

ON HING & BRO., 522 Flagg Street. Chinese Employment Agency. Prompt service. Phone 387. 415-3

Situations Wanted—Female

LADY, middle-aged, as housekeeper; gentleman preferred, or ranch, plain cooking. Apply Box 1246, Times. 415-11

For Sale—Miscellaneous

DINNER TABLE DECORATIONS—Old-fashioned, prettily tinted, coconut dainties, 4c per lb. Hamsterley Farm Stall, Public Market, and upstairs, opposite big clock, near Government Street, in the Mahon Block. 12

"WIZARD" MAGNETO, almost new, 112; large hot air furnace, bargain. Box 125, Times. 415-12

APPLES—Buy direct from the grower. Come and select from best varieties. J. W. Welch, Brookside, Carey Road. 12

FOR SALE—Lady's winter coat, cheap; also other articles. Box 125, Times. 415-12

ESQUIMALT—Fresh water store wood, 4 cord. Phone 2618. 415-12

MAGNET AUCTION ROOMS—Furniture sales daily, sterling bargains. Magnet, corner Douglas and Fort. Phone 1118. 415-12

FOR SALE—Gramophone, cabinet and records, cheap. P. O. Box 15, Phone 2558. 415-12

FOR SALE—Cheap, a large rocking horse, as good as new. Phone 2618, 2704 Belmont Avenue. 415-12

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BEST MILLWOOD, lowest prices, prompt delivery. Phone 2618. 415-12

FOR SALE—Light, one horse, Bain wagon, in good condition; cash, or articles in trade. 1088 Douglas. Phone 726. 415-12

OVAL FRAMES—Get that recently enlarged colour portrait framed, complete, 12; fancy, and artistic frames without fancy prices. The Artistic Frame Co., 581 Niagara Street, James Bay. 5-12

GRAMOPHONE and 50 records for sale, cheap. Apply 129 Douglas Road after 6 p. m. 415-12

FOR SALE—Gun metal wrist watches, 1.50; gold filled bracelet watches, 2.50; neck chain and pendants, 2.75; solid gold chain, 1.75; radium dial French watches, 3.50; military brushes and case, 1.50; solid gold filled, 2.75; photo frames, 2.50; solid gold filled, 2.75; solid gold bracelets, 2.75; 5-stone diamond rings, 2.50; single stone diamond rings, 2.50; solid gold filled, 2.75; sterling silver cigarette and cigar holders, 5c; small size, hunting case, 5c; silver handle pocket knives, 5c; silver tumblers, 2c; babies' silver rings, 2c; initial fobs, 2c; gun metal cigarette cases, 1.75; solid gold nib fountain pens, 2.50; solid gold wedding rings, 5c each. Call Aaronson, watchmaker and jeweller, 372 Johnson Street, Victoria, B. C. Phone 1747. 415-12

FURNITURE—BAPT. Everybody knows the place now. "Select" Auction Rooms, 1415 Government St. Phone 318. 415-12

FURNITURE—BAPT. Why, sure, "Select" Auction Rooms, 726 Fort St. Phone 1747. 415-12

DON'T WASTE ANYTHING—We buy everything. Ladies' and gents' clothing bought for cash. T. Sam, 531 Johnson Street. 415-12

TRADE—stove, 47; range at Jack's Store, 535 Yates Street. We repair 12 years' experience. Phone 5719. 415-12

FOR SALE—Cash register, large refrigerator, showcases, turpentine cloth 20 ft. wide, carpenter's tool chest, 4-cylinder Hupmobile engine, 3 cylinders motor, cycle engine, 2-ton defective hotel, all snags. 533 Johnson Street. 415-12

THE SOUL OF A BISHOP, by Wells, author of Mr. Britling Sees It Through. Hibben & Co. 415-12

CITY MART, 78 Fort Street. If you are looking for bargains in second-hand furniture, carpets, etc., call and inspect our prices. Wanted to buy, furniture of all descriptions. Phone 145. 415-12

For Sale Miscellaneous

(Continued.)

AT FERRIS, 1419 Douglas Street. On view, a large stock of high-class second-hand furniture, including mahogany and oak, chest, 250; Chesterfield, 10; Spanish leather; easy chairs and diners. 415-12

DRY CORDWOOD, 50.00 per cord; local, 15.00; millwood, 14 double load; Chestnut, 15.00. 415-12

FERRIS, Phone 1829. 415-12

CANADIAN OFFICE DIARIES, Hibben & Co. 415-12

BIBLES and Presbyterian Hymnbooks, half-price. Hibben & Co. 415-12

COMPUTING SCALERS, 100 ft. oak boards, 10 pieces, stove pipe (new), showman, 31. 300 King's Road. Phone 2603. 415-12

BOYS' SUITS, in all sizes, at reasonable prices. McCandless Bros., 41 Johnson Street. 415-12

BARTHOLOMEWS "Select" Auction Rooms for furniture, on view, the right place. Phone 273 318 415-12

UMBRELLA WORKS—Umbrellas, valises and recovered neatly and quickly. Reasonable prices. 607 Fort Street. Phone 164. 415-12

A VICTROLA and records for sale at a snap. 224 Fort Street. 415-12

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AT YOU SAW IT IN THE TIMES

PARISHYERIAN HYMNBOOKS, half-price. Hibben & Co. 415-12

MOUNTED DOORS, with locks, 1.50; heating coil and valves, 5. 103 154 Times. 415-12

STRONG DOORS, suit garage, store, etc., 2.25; modern boiler, 1. 1. Box 125, Times. 415-12

ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA, 20 volumes, in oak case, for 50c; cost 125. The Exchange, Fort Street. 415-12

NEW STREET CYCLES for the young, 25c; only 25c. Make your cycle into a motorcycle, only 25c. Delta electric lamp, 2.25; carbide lamp, 2.75 to 3.50; Messer and Indian cycles, roller skates and coner wagens. Pimley's Cycle Store, 611 View Street. 415-12

MALLPABLE and steel ranges, 45 down and 11 per week. Phone 462, 291 Government Street. 415-12

POCKET DIARIES, Hibben & Co. 415-12

FOR SALE—11 ft. motorboat, 15 ft. sailboat, centre-board, 150; 36 ft. cabin launch, cheap for cash. Causeway Boat House, Phone 146. 415-12

BON MARCHÉ SPECIALS—Handkerchiefs, dills, silk wists, toys, fancy linen, cheap for cash. 1344 Oak Bay Avenue. 415-12

OFFICE DIARIES, Hibben & Co. 415-12

BETTERS AND PLAIN BACK SUITS, just arrived at Chatterton's London House, 617 Johnson. 415-12

SOUTHERN, for stoves and ranges, cor. Yates and Ontario, C. Collins, new connected, exchanges made. Phone 4281. 415-12

Automobile

BROUGHTON AUTO REPAIR SHOP, 17 Broughton. Auto repairing and accessories. Tel. 1090. 415-12

FOR SALE—Russell Silent Knight Limousine; engine, tires, etc., in perfect order; price 1.250. Pimley's Garage, 415-12

WANTED—Automobile; must be soap box. 124 Times. 415-11

AUTO DELIVERY for sale, in good condition; price 250; would be fair value at 200. Oliphant's Garage, 193 View Street. 415-12

"PACKARD", 30-5 passenger, Princeton, fine car in good condition, fully equipped. Call Mr. Williams, 1090 Johnson St., 533 Yates St. Phone 4619. 415-12

BEGG MOTOR CO., LTD., 807 View and 908 Fort. Cadillac Agency, R. A. Play. Motor Cars, 2008. Distributors for Chevrolet, Dodge Brothers, Chrysler, Hudson and Cadillac Motor Cars. 415-12

SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE TIMES

CAMERON MOTOR CO., Bestie Garage, Cook Street. Auto machinist and cylinder grinding. Tel. 1090. 415-12

MOTOR SERVICE STATION, 729 View. E. Williams. Night Phone 2737. Tel. 228. 415-12

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A GREAT CROWD will attend Hamsterley Farm Stall, Public Market, to buy the children's Christmas chocolate boxes. Specially attractive, new and original, 5c each. Also upstairs in Mahon Block, Government Street. See our sign on doorway. 50

ROCKSIDE POULTRY FARM STALLS, Victoria Public Market. We will have the finest display of poultry in Victoria. 415-12

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ST. JAMES CHURCH sale of work and Christmas tree, Saturday, Dec. 15, at 7 p. m. Evening orchestra, good programme, silver collection. 415-12

WESTHOLME GRILL—Free select dancing, singing and music every evening. 415-12

Lost

LOST—Leather pouch, containing pay cheque and cash. Reward. Address Timekeeper, P. O. Box 784. 415-37

LOST—Black silk sweater, cash, between Osmak, Moss and Fairfield Terrace. Finder please phone 2551. 415-37

LOST—Automobile crank. Phone Burnside Hotel, or leave at Pullen's Barber Shop, opposite St. James Hotel. 415-37

LOST—Wednesday, gold wrist watch in leather bracelet, initial R. E. F., between Cook and Collinson and Douglas Streets. Please return to Times. 415-37

Found

FOUND—Money on Fort Street. Apply 727 Linden Avenue. 415-37

FOUND—Auto tire. Owner apply Hall's Drug Store, Yates and Douglas Streets. 415-36

Room and Board

THE BON-ACCORD, 46 Princess Ave. Room and board, terms moderate; ladies and gentlemen. Phone 2611. 415-31

CHEERY BANK—First-class boarding house, hot water heating, central location. 513 Quadra Street, Church Hill. 415-31

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FOR RENT—Houses, furnished and unfurnished. Lloyd-Young & Russell, 1022 Broad Street. Phone 433. 415-4

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215 WHITTAKER STREET, 6 rooms, 41c. 415-4

220 MENZIES STREET, 7 rooms, 35c. 415-4

27 OLYMPIAN AVE., 11 rooms, 35c. 415-4

390 WASHINGTON AVE., 5 rooms, 35c. 415-4

1048 LYALL STREET, 6 rooms, 35c. 415-4

74 MARY STREET, 6 rooms, 12.50. 415-4

124 BUSHBY STREET, 7 rooms, 35c. 415-4

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AND MANY OTHERS.

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COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS to let, single, 95 King's Road. Phone 2601. Breakfast if desired. 415-15

BRUNSWICK HOTEL, 5c night and 3c weekly and up; best location, first-class, no bar; few housekeeping rooms. Yates and Douglas. 415-15

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CANDY FOR CHRISTMAS of course. It wouldn't be Christmas without it. Our special boxes of Christmas candy are a delight to the eye and a joy to the palate. Some for the kiddies, some for the bigger folks and the finest of all for the one and only gift. Get your gift early and avoid the rush sure to come later. 415-15

PHILLIPS

Home-Made Chocolates and Candies, 1206 Government Street, opposite Westholme. And also at the Public Market Wednesdays and Saturdays. 415-15

CUT THIS OUT FOR LUCK

SHY ANNE—If you think it would look as though you were too good for him, just scratch the name Hamsterley Farm off the box and he may think you have given him your ordinary small quantities until he tastes them—Auntie. 415-15

WIDOW

WIDOW, with two children, wishes position (with one 5-year-old girl). Would accept any kind of work, but not two State terms monthly. 411 Vancouver. 415-15

WE ARE BOOKING ORDERS FOR

Christmas turkeys and geese. Phone Rockside Poultry Farm, 634 Telegraphic address, Public Market, Victoria. 415-15

WHEN IN TOWN

WHEN IN TOWN, visit the Public Market and see our display of poultry. December 13, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 31. Rockside Poultry Farm Stalls. 415-15

WHEAT IN TOWN

WHEAT IN TOWN, call at Allendale and see our display of poultry. 415-15

SANTA CLAUS

SANTA CLAUS is having all his little friends' clothes dressed by the Dolly Dreamers. Clothes just like her own, made of velvet and anything. 1301 Blanshard, close to Carnegie Library. 415-15

AUTO FOR HIRE

NEW CAR—Latest 1918 model. Popular short afternoon pleasure trips. THOS. J. SKELTON, 1718 Lee Avenue. Phone 512. 415-15

MRS. SHAW

MRS. SHAW, formerly of Winnipeg and Edmonton, will purchase your cast-off clothing for spot cash. Phone 461, or evenings 1291. Store, 75 Fort Street. 415-15

MISCELLANEOUS

C. P. COX, piano tuner. Graduate School for the Blind, Halifax. 139 South Turner. Phone 1212. 415-15

USE THE PARCEL POST for all Christmas presents. Five cents will carry a perfectly packed one pound package of Hamsterley Farm chocolates twenty miles. Call at Market or new upstairs store on Government Street to see our brand new wooden "Perfect Pack" mailing packages, chocolates and candies all ready to mail. Hamsterley Farm, upstairs, over Fifteen-Cent Store. 415-15

WANTED—Old false teeth, no matter if broken. Pay \$2 to \$5 per set. Send by parcel post and receive cheque by return mail. F. Teri, 408 N. Wolfe St., Baltimore, Md. 415-15

Exchange

CLEAR TITLE ACRES in South Saanich, will exchange for city property. Box 1074, Times. 415-4

CHOICE FARM LAND, unimproved, and cattle all ready to mail. Hamsterley Farm, upstairs, over Fifteen-Cent Store. 415-4

WANTED—Houses in Victoria for prairie farms. Phone 315. 415-4

FARMS and city property for exchange. Chas. F. Eagles, 611 Bayward Exchange. Phone 514. 415-4

To Let—Miscellaneous

COURTNEY STREET—39 by 130; rent \$20; possession January 1. 415-31

JOHNSON STREET—12 by 5; rent \$12; possession January 1. 415-31

TRONCOURT AVE.—11 by 60; rent \$20. 415-31

HEISTERMAN, FORMAN & CO., 608 View Street. Phone 55. 415-31

Livestock

FOR SALE—One Jersey heifer, 11 years old, due to calve next week, second calf. Apply Engineer, New Method Laundry, Ltd., 1015 North Park Street. 417-29

FOR SALE—Two pointer pups, 3 months, sire winner first special 32c and winner second at Victoria, for sale 50c, good hunting strain; one pup, 6 months, 15c. Apply today's Pointer Kennels, 415-23

FOR SALE—Horse, rig and harness, all for 50c. Apply 1118 Quadra Street. Phone 415-29

FOR SALE—Mare, about 1400 pounds, 7 years old, sound and in first-class condition; 75c, or trade for livestock of equal value. S. P. Corbett, Pender Island, B. C. 415-23

Houses Wanted

WANTED—To purchase, modern, 4 or 5 roomed bungalow, Fawn Bay or Oak Bay. Kindly give us particulars at once. Dalby & Lawson, 615 Fort St. 415-23

I HAVE TENANTS for ten furnished cottages, from five to six rooms each, \$25 to \$30 per month. What have you to offer? P. R. BROWN, 112 Broad Street. 415-23

Dancing

DANCING LESSONS, Alexandra Ballroom (private). Mrs. J. J. Boyd, teacher. Come-a-dances, public, every Tuesday evening at Alexandra Ballroom. Public dances every Tuesday and Saturday evening, Alexandra Ballroom, ladies 5c, gents 10c. Under management of Mrs. Boyd, No. 510 Campbell Bldg. Phone 415-23

EVERY LUCKY POSTCARD has a number of its own. Lucky numbers will dance with delight when they are announced in the Sunday afternoon papers, in personal columns. Winners will get Hamsterley Farm chocolates free at our new upstair store on Government Street, in Mahon Block. Pretty dainty boxes—new designs. 415-23

A SOCIAL DANCE will be given at Sample's Hall, Victoria West, Tuesday, December 18, 8.30 to 11.30. Come and enjoy a good time and good music. Gents 10c, ladies 5c. Take George car to Langford Street. 415-23

DANCE every Tuesday and Saturday in St. John's Hall, Herald Street. Gents 10c, ladies 5c. 415-23

DANCE every Wednesday and Saturday at the Haddon, 415-23

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Poultry and Eggs

FOR SALE—White Leghorn pullets, May hatched. Apply 422 Dallas Road. 415-29

IF YOU WANT TURKEYS, see Rockside Stall, Victoria Public Market. If you want chickens, see our exhibit. If you want ducks, we have them. If you want geese, come to the Market. Open all day, Friday, December 21, Saturday, December 22, Monday, December 24. 415-29

FOR SALE—White Wyandotte cockerels, Martin strain, three only left. Phone 5161. 415-29

ROCKSIDE POULTRY FARM, Phone 634, R. M. D. No. 4. We pay cash for poultry in large or small quantities. Phone 634, we will call. 415-29

Wanted—Miscellaneous

OLD FALSE TEETH and bridge work bought, any condition; highest cash prices paid. Return mail. Post to Mrs. Dunstone, 163 Georgia Street, W. Vancouver, B. C. Est. 27 years. 415-12

HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID for diamonds, rubies, pearls, jewelry, etc. Jacob Aaronson's, New and Second-hand Jewellery, 472 Statton Street, Victoria, B. C. Phone 1767. 415-12

WANTED—Small oak desk, flat top, about 4 ft. x 3 ft. State price and where can be seen. Box 595, Times. 415-12

WANTED—To rent, good piano, for few months; by responsible party. Phone Mr. Stout, 31. 415-12

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CITY CHURCH SERVICES

ANGLICAN
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL—Holy communion, 6 and 8 a. m.; matins, 11 p. m.; evening service, 7 p. m.; Sunday School, 10 a. m.; intercession service, Wednesday, 8 a. m., 11 a. m., 7:30 p. m. d15
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Quadra Street. Concluding services of the "Teaching Mission," 8 a. m., 11 a. m., 7:30 p. m. d15
ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, Victoria West. Rev. R. Connell, rector. Morning prayer and holy communion, 11 a. m.; Sunday School, 2:30; evening prayer, 7 p. m. d15
ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL—To-morrow, Dec. 16, 8 a. m., holy communion; at 10:30 a. m., consisting of morning prayer, hymns and sermon. Nurses, patients, members of hospital staff and the general public living in the district cordially invited. d15
ST. MARY'S OAK BAY, Third Sunday in Advent. At 10 a. m., holy communion; 11 a. m., matins and sermon; 7 p. m., evening and sermon. Rev. C. R. Little, B. D., acting rector. d15
BAPTIST
EMMANUEL, Fernwood car terminus. Rev. Wm. Stevenson, B. D., will preach on "The Iron Gate," at 7:30 p. m., "The Lord's Supper," Sunday School, 2:30 p. m. All welcome. Oak Bay residents specially invited. d15
ST. PAUL'S, Military and Naval. Victoria West. Take cars 4 or 5 to Henry. Dr. Maclean preaches: 10:30, "A Light That Shines in a Dark Place;" 7:30, "The Stone Which the Builders Rejected." Strangers cordially invited. d15
PRESBYTERIAN
UNITARIAN CHURCH, Fernwood and Balmoral. Rev. E. J. Bowden, B. D., will preach on "The Iron Gate," at 7:30 p. m., "The Lord's Supper," Sunday School, 2:30 p. m. All welcome. Oak Bay residents specially invited. d15
MISCELLANEOUS
NEW THOUGHT TEMPLE, Hall B, Pemberton Block. Dr. Butler will speak at 11 a. m. on "The Heavenly Vision;" 7:30 p. m., subject, "A Full Salvation." d15
CLOVERDALE GOSPEL HALL—On Sunday evening at 7 o'clock Mr. I. H. Smith will give a talk on "Mysteries." Young people specially invited. Bright singing. Bring your "Olive" and "Lily." d15
FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH meets in St. John's Hall, Herald Street, 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Iles and Mr. Hood; 7:30, F. P. Plummer, subject, "Gifts of the Spirit." Psychic messages by Mrs. Iles. d15
CHRISTADELPHIAN HALL, 1601 North Park Street, Sunday School, 10 a. m., breaking of bread, 11 a. m., evening, 7:30. d15
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, 935 Pandora Avenue. Services are held on Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for Sunday, Dec. 16, "God the Preserver of Man." Testimonial meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Visitors welcome. d15

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REV. W. LESLIE CLAY, D. D., Minister.
 December 16, 1917.
 11 a. m.—Worship. Sermon theme, "Against the Light."
 12:15 p. m.—Adult Bible Class.
 2:30 p. m.—Sabbath School.
 7:30 p. m.—Worship. Sermon on "JERUSALEM IN CHRISTIAN HANDS."
 Soloists, Mesdames Longfield and Grant, and Mr. D. C. Hughes. Strangers and others invited.

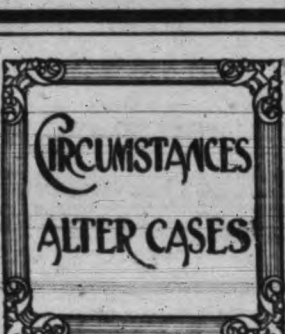


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DIED
KNEESHAUW—On Dec. 13, 1917, at the residence, 104 St. James Street, Robert Henry Kneeshaw, a native of Scarborough, England, aged 62 years.
 The funeral will take place from the B. C. Funeral Chapel on Monday, Dec. 17, at 2:30 p. m., where service will be held. Interment in Ross Bay Cemetery.

BOYNE—On the 14th inst., at St. Joseph's Hospital (suddenly), Gertrude, the dearly beloved wife of H. F. Bourne, of Esquimalt. She leaves to mourn her loss, besides her husband and two small children, a sister, Mrs. H. Webster, of this city, a father and sister in England, and one brother on active service in France. Funeral arrangements later. (English and Swift Current papers please copy.)

IN MEMORIAM
MOAR—In loving memory of Pte. Wm. Moar (died Willie), 2nd C. M. 12th, who was shot by a sniper while in advanced listening post on December 14, 1914. He died that we might live. Inserted by his sorrowing mother and family.
GELDAIRD—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, John Geldaird, who departed this life Dec. 13, 1916. "Until the day breaks and the shadows flee."

LAND REGISTRY ACT, SECTION 150
 In the Matter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 112 (12), Township Eleven (11), Renfrew District.
TAKE NOTICE that application has been made to me to cancel a certain charge registered in your favor under a conveyance of timber and right of entry to carry away same, dated May 19, 1906, from Henry George Walker to yourself, and take notice that you are required to attend before me at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, at 10 a. m. on Friday, the 25th day of January, 1918, when I will hear all parties attending, and further take notice that unless you attend at said time and place and show cause to the contrary I shall cancel the registration of the said charge and all your rights thereunder as registered in Register of Charges Vol. 16, Fol. 48, No. 7461; and I direct that service of this notice may be effected by publication thereof for seven days in the Victoria Daily Times.
 Dated at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., this 14th day of December, 1917.
J. C. GWYNNE, Registrar-General of Titles.
 To LOYOLA B. JOSEPH, formerly of Port Renfrew, B. C.

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GOVERNMENT OFFICES

WILL CLOSE AT NOON

Polling Commences at 6 and Districts at 9; Close at 5

From noon on Monday throughout British Columbia a holiday for the rest of the day has been officially decreed by the Provincial Government. This affects all Government institutions. In Victoria the municipal holiday will commence at 1 o'clock and the City Hall will close its doors at that hour. But all the stores of the city will remain open as usual until 6 p. m.
 All polling booths in the city of Victoria will open on Monday morning at 6 a. m. and will remain open until 5 p. m. In all the outside districts booths will be opened at 9 a. m. and remain open until 5 in the evening. Both men and women eligible for voting privileges and whose names do not appear on the voters' lists compiled by the enumerators, are asked to make their way to the polling booths at as early an hour as possible so that the simple procedure of rectifying the omission may be carried out at times other than at the noon time and tea time rush.
 In the opinion of Sydney Child, the returning officer for the Federal riding of Victoria, everything bids fair for a model election. By that he means that at least 95 per cent. of the voters on the new lists will record their votes on Monday. While the old provincial lists have been very useful to him in aiding the work of the enumerators, they have revealed many names of people who have not been resident in the city for years past, indicating the value of the present "live" lists and their guarantee that voters who are on want to be on, and what is more are fully intent on using the vote on Monday.

PARKS ACCOUNT

How Matter Stands Between City and Saanich for Beach and Park Improvements.
 Among the recommendations reached by the Civic Finance Committee yesterday, but not yet adopted by the City Council, is one to pay a cheque for \$1,172.99 to the credit of the Victoria-Saanich Beaches and Parks Committee. This amount is the sum due under the agreement between the City and Saanich for the settlement of the park controversy, being the city's 1917 taxes, on George Park and Mount Douglas Park, less \$773.18 paid by the City for work on parks within the Saanich boundaries this year. The Saanich Council received \$2,046.69 in taxes for 1916, following the settlement, and has applied the sum, except \$548.23 now on deposit, to the improvement of parks.
 As practically nothing more will be done this year, it may be said that the incoming committee will start with a balance of \$1,721 for work in 1918, which can carry out most of the pavilion plans on hand before May 24 next without having recourse to the funds accruing under the agreement next year.

POLLING STATIONS
 Eight in Saanich, Three in Oak Bay and Six in Esquimalt.
 For the Nanaimo riding on Monday next arrangements have been made for the polling stations with the three adjacent municipalities as follows:
 Saanich.
 Agricultural Hall, Saanichton.
 Royal Oak Hall.
 Cedar Hill—Templeton Hall.
 Maywood—1, Cloverdale Hall.
 Maywood—2, St. Mark's Hall.
 Tillikum Store, corner of Abed and Tillikum Roads.
 Garden City—1, Colquhoun P. O.
 Garden City—2, Mrs. Brook's Store, Carey Road.
 Oak Bay.
 The Arena.
 Fowl Bay School.
 Store (Newport Avenue), end of car track.
 Esquimalt.
 Sailors' Club, corner Admiral and Esquimalt Road.
 Pool Room, Esquimalt Road, near Coach and Horses.
 Washington Block, corner Head Street and Esquimalt Road.
 Corner of Head and Dunsmuir Streets.
 Corner of Carrie Street and Craigflower Road.
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JAMES BAY SOCIAL
 Enjoyable Affair at James Bay Hotel on Thursday-Netted \$70 for Red Cross.

Through the hospitality of Mrs. Burge, of the James Bay Hotel, the young people attending the evening classes of the Red Cross Branch, James Bay, provided their friends on Thursday evening with a most enjoyable evening's entertainment.
 Under the efficient management of Mr. Wilby, Military Five Hundred was held in the spacious dining-room, while in an adjoining room bridge was played by a number of guests. At 11 p. m. light refreshments were served, and the successful competitors at cards were handed prizes as follows: For Five Hundred, Mesdames Cameron and McMorran, Miss Pineo, and Mr. Smith; while the prizes for bridge were carried off by Mrs. Dickenson and Lieut. L. Brown. Willing hands having cleared the floor of the tables and chairs the balance of the evening was spent in dancing.
 The committee of management wish to extend their hearty thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Burge for her very generous hospitality, to Mr. Wilby for his efficient management of the Military Five Hundred, to H. Charlesworth and Edwin Brown for the music for dancing, to Fletcher Bros. for loan of piano, to Mr. Karl for transfer of piano to and from store to hotel, also to all those kind friends who donated prizes and refreshments. Mesdames F. A. Willis, Charlesworth, H. Lelser, R. Jameson, and the Misses Violet Powkes and Grace Cameron had charge of the arrangements for the evening, and the convener, Mrs. Wilkinson, welcomed the guests as they arrived. The committee in charge were able to hand over to the general

Funds of the branch \$70.00, as the result of the evening's entertainment.

FINAL RALLIES OF POLITICAL PARTIES ARRANGED TO-NIGHT

Unionist—Royal Victoria Theatre.
 Unionist—St. Mark's Hall, Boleskine Road.
 Labor—Princess Theatre.
 Laurier—Liberal—St. Luke's, Cedar Hill.
 Laurier—Liberal—Columbia Theatre.

BOTH CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY RESIGNED

Alderman Andros is Now Head of Returned Soldiers' Employment Committee

At a special meeting of the Returned Soldiers' Employment Committee, called for the purpose yesterday afternoon, the resignations of Col. E. G. Prior, as chairman of the committee, and that of Douglas Campbell, as secretary, were tendered and accepted with regret.
 Col. Prior was not well enough to attend, but wrote saying that continued ill-health prevented him from taking active interest in this, as well as other public duties, in consequence he was reluctantly compelled to ask relief from the post, the filling of which had afforded him considerable pleasure in the past.
 Alderman E. B. Andros was the unanimous choice of the committee as a successor to Col. Prior. Mr. Campbell's resignation will take effect December 31.
 The committee has been in existence over two years and was formed for the purpose of looking after returned men in an endeavor to secure for them civil employment as soon as released from army life. A good deal of success, has attended the efforts of the organization, many hundreds of positions having been filled both to the satisfaction of the returned man himself and that of the employer.
 Since Mr. Campbell took office, as the nominee of the Great War Veterans' Association, in succession to Godfrey Booth, who resigned some six months ago, 177 positions have been filled, and as testimony of the work accomplished by Mr. Campbell during the last six months, it will be satisfactorily noted that at the present time only five men's names are on the books awaiting employment.
 The committee is appointed by the Returned Soldiers' Commission, and receives its financial sustenance from that source, the commission itself receiving an annual grant of \$15,000 from the Provincial Government, of which it is a branch department.



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MANY MEETINGS ARE SLATED FOR TO-NIGHT

This is the Last Call for Unionist, Laborite and Laurier-Liberal

To-night is the last series of grand rallies for Unionist, Laborite and Laurier-Liberal, for on Monday the climax to weeks of energy will be reached and the fates will decide.
 In the Royal Victoria Theatre this evening an array of oratory has been enlisted to give the final lift to Dr. Toimie. He will be supported on the platform by W. J. Bowser, K. C., M. P. P.; A. C. Flumerfelt, F. J. Staepole, K. C.; Frank Higgins, and a returned soldier, all of whom will deliver addresses, while J. O. Dunford will provide a diversion in the way of vocal selections.
 At St. Mark's Hall, Boleskine Road, the supporters of J. C. McIntosh will rally round the Unionist banner and say the last word in the campaign for the federal riding of Nanaimo.
 H. A. Stewart, the Liberal-Laurier candidate for the Nanaimo riding, will plead his reasons for appealing to the electorate for the last time. He will be supported on the platform by other speakers in the Laurier-Liberal cause and the meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Cedar Hill.
 At the Princess Theatre to-night A. S. Wells and his lieutenants will tell the electors of Victoria why the Capital City of British Columbia should send a Labor man to Ottawa instead of either Dr. Toimie or Stuart Henderson. Then again Stuart Henderson, at the Columbia Theatre, will declare that he is the man for Ottawa, and he will be assisted by the eloquence of Gerald G. McGeer, Liberal member in the Provincial House for Richmond, and Dr. Anderson, of Vancouver.

LOCAL WILLS
 Probates issued in Supreme Court Registry, Victoria, During the Present Week.
 Probates of the wills of deceased persons were issued in the Supreme Court Registry during the week in the following cases:
 Montague Burge, late of "Victoria," who died on active service July 1, 1916, to Thomasina Burge, with estate as per will.
 Frank Harrison Stanton, formerly of Sault Ste. Marie, who died October 25, 1917, to Eleanor Edith Stanton, with estate as per will.
 John Norman Spencer, late of Victoria, who died on active service; to Anne Spencer, with estate as per will.
 Henry Fletcher Wilder, who died at Cobble Hill, November 20, 1917, to Kate Elizabeth Jane Wilder, with estate as per will.
 Probate issued at the court at Lethbridge was re-sealed in the estate of Albert A. Lindquist, the amount being \$41,145.
 A tradesman in a certain town put a box outside his shop, labelled "For the Blind." A few weeks later the box disappeared.
 "Halloo! What's happened to the box for the blind?" he was asked by a friend.
 "Oh, I got enough money," he replied, pointing up to the new canvas blind that sheltered his shop window. "Not bad, is it?"

COMING NEXT WEEK

F. B. Riley, of Portland, Will Arrive on Wednesday; to Speak Here.

Mayor Todd is notified that Frank Branch Riley, the eloquent Portland attorney, who has been selected to conduct a lecturing tour for the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association, will arrive in the city on Wednesday and stay overnight. He is endeavoring to arrange for Mr. Riley to address the Rotary Club at its luncheon on the following day.
 Mr. Riley is regarded as an exceptionally capable man, and has been very prominent in connection with the Pacific highway. He was chairman of the committee which pushed the construction of the Columbia River bridge from the Oregon side to Vancouver, Wash., and has done other important work in publicity, highway construction, etc., in his portion of the Pacific Coast.
 The directors of the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association considered themselves very fortunate to secure Mr. Riley's services to lecture.
 The Mayor is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. W. P. Rogers, of Portland, G. T. P., promising to assist in every way in swinging tourist travel by way of Prince Rupert down to the Coast cities.

PUBLIC MARKET.

There was good business done at the market this morning. Flowers and plants sold readily, and there was a demand for eggs. Prices were as follows:
 Fruit—Apples, 8 to 12 lbs., 25c; pears, 8 lbs., 25c.
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MR. DAVIE'S LETTER.

To the Editor.—Your correspondent who signs himself "One Who Knows," evidently does not seem to know what he is writing about. Perhaps I am extra dense in seeing neither wit or sense in his letter. It appears to me to consist of nothing more than inane vituperation against Mr. Davie. The only redeeming feature in the letter of "One Who Knows" is that he is evidently too ashamed to sign his name to it.

ALFRED MANSFIELD.
1761 Pembroke St., Victoria.

SHOULD NOT THROW STONES.

To the Editor.—At the Unionist meeting held in the Somme Theatre, Oak Bay, the Hon. W. J. Bowser said that a Minister of the Gospel had been speaking on behalf of Mr. McIntosh, the Unionist candidate, whereas he had not found any Minister of the Gospel speaking on behalf of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Bowser's remarks recall a tale of a Highlander in Scotland going to a certain city in search of a position with a Bible in one hand and a recommendation from the Minister in the other hand, and if Mr. Bowser had such a good start as the Highlander of the story even that would fail to convince our boys in the trenches or the people of the province of Mr. Bowser's good intentions. Sir Wilfrid is commonly called the white flower of Canadian politics; it would be very nice if we had some more white flowers among our members of Parliament. Mr. Bowser should remember that people who live in glass houses should not throw stones.

MRS. A. HUTCHESON.
883 Old Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt.

FOR THE FRIENDLY HELP.

To the Editor.—Just now there are so many calls upon the public for aid and sympathy, that we feel a little diffident about asking assistance for the Friendly Help Association; but "the poor are always with us" and, although there is plenty of work for men, and women too, we still have many who are needing assistance. At the present time our most urgent cases are widows with small children, and families where the father, or wage-earner, is laid aside by illness. Although we have a smaller number this year to assist, those being aided require more, and provisions have almost doubled in price. There are many families whom we do not assist regularly, that are very grateful for our Christmas remembrance, families that are having a hard struggle to make ends meet, pay doctors' bills and their daily expenses. In homes such as these there would be no Christmas cheer for the children if we failed to send them a hamper. A Friendly Help Christmas hamper contains groceries, vegetables, a piece of meat, articles of new clothing for children, candy and fruit. If any friends would like to provide a family with a Christmas dinner, we will be only too pleased to give the names of deserving ones. We have at present a list of eighty families and we are afraid that the list will increase to one hundred before Christmas. Any assistance in money, provisions, and new clothing will be most acceptable.

Beginning on Monday, December 17, the Friendly Help rooms in the Market Building will be open all day, the hours are from 9.30 until 4.

HELEN M. GRANT,
President of Friendly Help.

THE OTHER SIDE.

To the Editor.—In your issue of the 14th inst. there is a letter under the above heading from a Mrs. Oakshott, there are certain statements which should not go unchallenged as they are misleading and likely to cause harm. In doing so, may I quite believe they are made in ignorance: I refer Sir, to the statement that "the gassed and crippled soldiers are huddled in the stowage of the vessels like cattle, while officers had the best." From first-hand information that I have found that on one of the largest ships now crossing the Atlantic the First Class Dining Saloon was specially fitted up for the sick and wounded men; also I find that the officers were accommodated in the Second Class Cabins, and there were many wounded among them. I might also state for Mrs. Oakshott's information that there are regular Hospital Ships running from England to Canadian ports in which the worst cases are conveyed. This she ought surely to be aware of; further, it would be impossible to give all the men cabin accommodation as it is very obvious only a small number could be carried if none were to occupy the steerage. My reason for answering the criticism in Mrs. Oakshott's letter is that there are too many red herrings being drawn across the trail, and this one, in an attempt to cloud the main issue. And, as a father having two sons at the front, one of whom went overseas from here as a private nearly three years ago and took part in many of the great battles in Flanders in 1915, as a private in the 7th B. C. Battalion, and is still in the front line, I would like to ask if she thinks that the people of Quebec who will hustle the wounded soldiers off the streets of their cities and cheer at the returning men, and their leaders who are opposed to any sort of Compulsory Service will do as much for the returned men, British soldiers, as the Unionist Government? No sir, it will be a bad day for the wounded or returned men if Laurier gets in power, which means, the Pro-German Bourgeois and Quebec in control of the Government of Canada. Any people who will not do their share to support the great cause of the Allies and fight for the country which gives them protection and special privileges not enjoyed by any other peoples of the world and will not voluntarily rise to the succor of their kinsmen and the nation from which they sprang, and whose leaders

are exploiting for miserable party advantage cannot be relied upon to treat with justice or liberality the men who went to fight and suffer for them. For the sake of this great land and the Empire to which we belong we must forego for the present time all party allegiance and prejudice and follow the big men of both parties who have put country before party and formed the Union Government for the period of the war. Support the men who are fighting for us and calling for reinforcements at once, surely they deserve to be obeyed rather than the commands of mere politicians who never made any sacrifice for their country. In my humble opinion, Sir, this is the most momentous crisis in the history of Canada. The result of the election in Canada will spell future glory or disgrace. If we desert our men at this hour, future generations will curse the men who did not support the Government, who did their best to bring about union in Canada and the enforcement of the Compulsory Service Act, which is the only fair and democratic way to raise the necessary men.

The issue is clear; it is our duty to support the boys in the trenches. They want relief and the only way to provide men in the shortest possible time is by conscription, therefore let us do our duty as they are nobly doing theirs.

E. C. R. BAGSHAW.
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 10, 1917.

"THE DAY."

To the Editor.—Monday will be "The Day" when the electors of Victoria Ward 1 voters in particular, will go to the polls and select a real man to represent them at Ottawa, a man with red blood in his veins, and who has promised to support with all his energy, wisdom and power, all that will make for victory for our men who are now at the front, and who have braved the elements, suffered intense hardships and offered their lives in defence of not alone the Empire but the defence of the liberties, the homes and rights of Canadians.

The men and women of Victoria West and those resident in Ward 1, have organized to bring out every supporter of the Union standard-bearer, Dr. Toimie, to the polls. We know there are a great many men and women in the ward who are a little diffident in offering their services on election day, but we the chairmen and secretary of the ward especially offer to all who would like to assist us to bring our friends to poll to come to a meeting of workers which will be held this evening in the Assembly room in the Belmont Block, at 8 o'clock.

We are especially desirous of every supporter of Dr. Toimie getting to the polls early, and that each supporter will see that his friend and neighbour has his vote in the support of Dr. Toimie, the champion of the men at the front, and their relatives at home. (Signed)

Ward One.
Sec. 1—Miss Catherine McGraw, Chairman.

Sec. 2—B. Boggs, Chairman.

Sec. 3—A. T. Abbey, Chairman.

Sec. 4—Mrs. J. W. Walker, Chairman.

Sec. 5—J. L. Leigh, Chairman.

Sec. 6—Douglas S. Gray, Secretary.

P. S.—Don't forget that if the enumerator has not registered you on his list, you can vote by making application at the polling booth in your section.

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WHY THEY VOTE UNIONIST.

To the Editor.—Why I and my family support the Union Government:

As a delegate to the late Winnipeg Liberal convention held last August, I supported the Tariff amendment for compulsion if necessary, which was turned down so heartily by Sir Wilfrid Laurier supporters. I also stood with others to protest at the closure put on the Laurier resolution. When his supporters said what they wanted to say, they put on a time limit; then when I, with others, wanted to speak to the question, or ask for information, it was railroaded through. (Talk about gag!) When the resolution for National (Liberal) Government was put, Mr. Will Gibbons, of Winnipeg, moved an amendment to add that the convention go on record to encourage the gathering together of all sections of the community to select a candidate to go in by acclamation. I seconded the amendment, which he was compelled to withdraw because of the uproar.

Mr. Fred Wade, of Vancouver, with others, will remember the warning given at the B. C. caucus, that if they persisted in railroaded the convention to support Sir Wilfrid Laurier as leader they would smash the Liberal Party and kill Sir Wilfrid Laurier; yet they persisted, and we have the results definitely fixed on Monday next at the polls.

The forcing of this election is a crime. I have always supported Sir Wilfrid Laurier up to the time he opposed conscription and his friends (oh! what a misnomer) railroaded, and wrecked the Winnipeg convention, from which we had expected so much. But some of us had our eyes opened to the danger of the situation it revealed. After his great and brilliant career—oh! the pity of it all. To become the leader of all the pro-Germans and Austrians, anti-conscriptionists and slackers in Canada. What a calamity! Who argued the Canadian army in 1906 with the House of Commons, and also placed a large order for same prior to the change of Government?

In August, 1914, I asked my son John, who fell at Festubert, what about the Ross rifle? He said: "Dad, it is one of the best, on the rifle range, but not so good for the battlefield." Then why in the world are you going to France with it? There is no other to be had; it is like that or none.

Could we support Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his policy of delay? One might as well ask Halifax if they would like a referendum to see if we should help them or not.

Could we support Sir Wilfrid Laurier any longer when he would leave our boys to perish at the hands of the Hun, without help, while he held a referendum?

We must beat the Huns, or they will beat us; and all that Sir Wilfrid Lau-

rier offers is delay, delay, referendum, referendum, while the destiny of Canada, the British Empire and humanity is at stake.

We dare not betray our own flesh and blood by leaving them to perish without help. The only thing left for us to do is to support the Unionist Government, if we love Canada, the British Empire and humanity, with all it means.

Yours in the crusade to the finish.
HERBERT W. DAVIES.
45 Boyd Street, Victoria, B. C., Dec. 14, 1917.

A PROUD MOTHER.

To the Editor.—I, as a woman voter and mother of three sons who volunteered and went away on active service, received a printed poem by post this morning called "The Blood Vote," that must have been sent out by one of the enemy agents. As many of my sisters will receive the same poem may I say that the sentiment is altogether wrong, that those who count not their lives dear unto them, but fight for freedom for all, only follow the example of our great leader Jesus Christ, who gave his life for all. Greater love hath no man than he who gives his life for his friend. We miss them; we suffer with them, but we are more than proud that they did not wait for conscription.

S. A. LOWE,
16 Bushby Street.

BRITISH FAIR PLAY.

To the Editor.—In answer to Major Harvey's statement made on a public platform at Ladysmith, stating that I was commissioned to purchase horses for Lt.-Col. Joseph Boyle, to the extent of \$10,000, I wish to state that this is absolutely incorrect and misleading. I ask Major Harvey to apologize through the press, or to prove his charge.

I had on my farm at Sumas Prairie two hundred head of horses when the war broke out. Captain Nott, who was in charge of the Boyle contingent, and Lt.-Col. Joseph Boyle's solicitor, along with a veterinary surgeon, came to my farm, picked sixty head of horses out of a bunch of two hundred head and they were purchased at that time. These sixty head were tied up and their tails docked so that they could be identified again. They were not paid for at that time. I was promised a cheque the next day and Captain Nott was to take delivery of them. I was then instructed to have them driven in to Vancouver, where I was to receive the money. Six thousand dollars was placed in the Bank of British North America to meet the payment, but afterwards was withdrawn, so that I refused to deliver the horses to the barracks, as I knew Lt.-Col. Joseph Boyle was in the Yukon. I had these horses delivered to P. Burns & Co.'s packing house, where they remained for twelve days in a corral. After feeding them there for that time I received a cheque for the sixty head and Captain Nott took delivery of the horses at the corral.

Three weeks after having accepted the sixty head, he picked out another seventeen head and asked me the privilege to pick seventeen head out of the remainder at the farm. Not being able to find seventeen head at the farm that suited him, twelve head from the colony farm were chosen by him and I paid for them. But out of the twelve head bought at the colony farm, although guaranteed to be serviceably sound by Dr. McKay, who was there, and in charge of the farm under the Conservative Government, ten of these horses were rejected and only two passed inspection. I was compelled to accept them from the Conservative Government, as they refused to replace any of them. I afterwards took them to Alberta, where I sold them at a loss.

I would like to ask Major Harvey why he is able to discuss politics on a public platform and wearing the King's uniform, when his subordinates would be put in the guard-house if they attempted to speak on my behalf. I have had a number of men in uniform state to me that they would like to speak for me, but as it was against the rules to discuss politics in any way in the army, they are deprived of that privilege.

That is not British fair play.
H. A. STEWART,
Liberal Candidate.

THE IMPERIAL MUNITIONS BOARD.

To the Editor.—In your issue of today I notice a letter from Mr. R. P. Butchart, in which he takes exception to remarks reported to have been made by Mr. Stewart Henderson, the Laurier Liberal candidate, on the 13th inst., at the Columbia Theatre, in regard to the Imperial Munitions Board and the firm of Evans, Coleman & Evans. Now, anyone who personally knows Mr. Butchart and Capt. Troup knows that no two men of higher character and more unblemished reputation could have been chosen in British Columbia as directors of the Imperial Munitions Board. They do not need anyone to champion them on that score, but as my firm has had large business transactions with the Board in connection with the shipbuilding industry carried on under their control, I think it is only fair and just that I should state what our experience with them has been.

So far as I have been able to ascertain, my firm watches pretty carefully, no supplies of any magnitude in the way of iron and steel needed for the ships have ever been obtained from any firm without tenders having first been invited from the principle wholesale dealers in B. C., and often from those in Seattle, as well as from manufacturers in the East.

Messrs. Evans, Coleman & Evans are competitors of ours in business, but we have never had any cause of complaint about not having been given an even chance with them and other firms in obtaining orders for supplies from the Board. It has invariably been a question of price and delivery with us.

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My experience is that Mr. Ross, who supervises all tenders and contracts, gives every large firm in B. C., in our line anyway, an equal opportunity to supply the Board.

It is a great pity that whenever an election takes place there is a pretty sure to be some candidate who deems it "good business" to try by innuendoes to blacken the character of any men who are holding public positions of trust; and this without having even a shred of proof of ill-doing on their part.

Surely during this grave crisis that we are passing through such men might rise to broader, nobler and more intellectual flights of imagination.

E. G. PRIOR,
1461 Government Street, Victoria,
B. C., Dec. 14, 1917.

A CALL TO THE WOMEN.

To the Editor.—I am enclosing an open letter to the women of Canada, calling for support of the Union Government—a letter which originally appeared in our local paper. It has occurred to me that perhaps it might be of wider service in the present crisis, for I am convinced that unless a large majority of our newly enfranchised women support Union Government, as I believe the majority of the soldiers will—there is real danger of defeat.

If you believe that this letter will help our cause I shall be very glad indeed if you will publish the same, or part of it, at an early date as possible.

Yours very truly,
J. OLIVIA BOYD.

Mothers, wives and sisters of Canada, our nation is in peril.

We are at a crisis, and the women of Canada who have been given the privilege and responsibility of the ballot can avert the crisis. Are we going to do it?

With our right hand we can ward off the great calamity that is assuredly coming upon us, but not if we sit at home and refuse to use our franchise for the protection of our Homes, Dominion and Empire. Canada! this dearly beloved land of ours, this land of the maples, one of the best countries in the world to-day.

Are we going to stand idly by and allow the one province, Quebec, to dominate and control the whole Dominion; that is what is coming if we do not stand to a woman for the Union Government.

We have it in our power to unite the two great political parties, Conservatives and Liberals, in one strong determined power, that will never give up till the war is won, and our nation and Empire, yes, and all the world is free from that monstrous power that is determined to conquer the world. The splendid army of our Canadian



THE BATTLE IS AT CANADA'S DOORWAY

Dean Quainton and Captain Macdonald Urge Support for Dr. Tolmie

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING AT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE

Under the chairmanship of Dean Quainton the electors of Ward V. held an enthusiastic gathering in the interests of Dr. Tolmie's candidature in the Seamen's Institute, Superior Street, last night. In his opening remarks the Dean went straight to the heart of the subject with the declaration that he supported Union Government because it was pledged to throw into the scale of the Allied cause the maximum of national power with the maximum of promptitude. The Union Government, headed by Sir Robert Borden, he proceeded, was the cause of the Allies because its fundamental principle was that of fighting for what Germany had repudiated. He took the stand that were he not to support the cause of Union Government he would consider that he was doing something that would discourage the Allies.

Effect on Uncle Sam.
The Dean was apprehensive of the effect on Britain's ally to the south of the border by the non-return of the Union Government and the failure to enforce the Military Service Act. It was his belief that Uncle Sam had gone into the war, not by half measures, but with the complete determination to place every ounce of strength into the Allied cause. Their great assistance now assured it would be absolutely necessary for the Dominion of Canada to keep her divisions well supplied with men. He appealed, then, for whole-hearted support for Dr. Tolmie who could be relied upon to take his full part in the programme laid down by the Union Government.

Member on Monday.

There was no mistaking the warmth of the reception accorded to Dr. Tolmie as he rose to address the gathering. He was introduced as "our candidate to-night; our member on Monday night." The climax of the greatest crisis "Canada had ever had to face" would be reached on Monday, said the doctor, as he voiced the fact that upon the women of the Dominion for the first time would descend the opportunity to say who should govern the land. It would be their great chance to throw their influence with the party pledged to send aid to the men in France and so maintain and perpetuate the magnificent traditions won on the battlefields. The Doctor again stated his determination, if elected, to work for the extension of the franchise to all women.

Canada's Soul.
"It has been said," continued the candidate, "that through this war France has found her soul; I am confident that by Monday night it will be known to the world that Canada, too, has found her soul." He paralleled the situation on Monday as he did at the Princess Theatre meeting in that the electors would be taking the lives of Canadian soldiers in their hands as entering the polling booth. To strengthen the lines or allow them to dwindle would be the issue. He had no doubt of the result; Canada would not see the heroic sacrifices of her boys go for naught. The doctor recapitulated the essential issues of the campaign, outlining his own stand with brief reference to the circumstances which had led up to his acceptance of the nomination.

The Only Way.
Doctor Tolmie had little patience with the programme of abuse levelled at the late Borden Government by the opposition press and platform. The old regime had gone and in its place there had been created a new force comprising the best brains of both the old parties. That, to his way of thinking, was the only logical method to adopt in order to secure a solid front and a course that would lead to a united Canada and a more active participation in the war.

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tion in the war. He had faith in success attending the plan offered as a substitute by Sir Wilfred Laurier for the recruitment of men for the firing line. The veteran Liberal chieftain's prophecy that he would get the French-Canadian on a voluntary basis was not convincing since Sir Wilfred had not been successful in this regard during the last three and a half years and there was no sign of any very great change in the attitude of the French-Canadian—except the other way.

"Shoot as You Shoot," said Captain Macdonald, who took the platform after Doctor Tolmie. "On its outcome depends the existence of the Dominion." With a knowledge of war at first hand the Captain used the soldier's description of the consolidation work at the front and urged the need of harmony and consolidation work at home. The best means of securing an effective defence with its conversion into a really victorious aggression was the machinery of unionism. For that reason it was the duty of the electorate to send Dr. Tolmie to Ottawa. The tactics of the opposition suggested to Captain Macdonald the raking over of the garbage can of the past and to illustrate the need of Canadians to act as one man, now more than at any other time since Confederation, would be recognized if Roosevelt's famous slogan were used as the motto: "Shoot as you shoot."

Drastie.
Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. A. E. Mitchell, Mrs. Ackroyd and H. W. Davies appealed eloquently for support to Victoria's candidate. Mrs. Ackroyd was of opinion that if women were placed on the Exemption Boards there would be no lack of men for service overseas. The slacker who secured exemption should be made to work for bare wages with the rest of his pay devoted to a fund for the benefit of men overseas and their dependents at home. She would even boycott stores run by men with boys at home; shooting also was the only medicine for the slacker. German spies in Victoria was another condition from which the electors would awake after they had suffered, said Mrs. Ackroyd.

The proceedings were terminated by the singing of the National Anthem.

SALE OF MEDICATED WINES PROHIBITED FROM THIS DAY ON

Unless They Contain Only 2½
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From this date forward the indiscriminate sale of medicated wines and tonic ports possessing more than two and a half per cent. proof spirit will be regarded by Commissioner Findlay as an infraction of the British Columbia Prohibition Act and, as such, punishable according to its provisions. The announcement made by the Commissioner this morning is the result of a request made by the druggists of the province for a ruling on this somewhat complex aspect of the Provincial Act's effectiveness.

The decision now places the ban on many lines and brings them under the same restrictions as the beverage unalloyed with average medicinal properties, the imbibing of which may be permitted only on the prescription of the medical man. It will be recalled from the several references to the subject in these columns that many of the medicated wines possess anywhere from ten to twenty-five per cent. alcohol and during the days when John Barleycorn reigned supreme were more or less partaken of purely by reason of their medicinal virtues.

However, left outside the ban which descended on the flowing bowl on October 1 the medicated wine rose in popularity to such a degree that many druggists retailing it have recently revealed an alarm which culminated in their request for a definite ruling on the subject. It was obvious to the man who was desirous of living within the meaning of the Act that the medicated wine was the nearest substitute to the prohibited liquid and, as such, was gradually discarding its intended use, consequently bending, if not breaking, the provisions of the British Columbia Act.

It is understood that the decision of the Prohibition Commissioner is endorsed by the British Columbia Pharmaceutical Association whose membership has shown at all times every evidence of a desire to keep well within the provisions of the new legislation. Action is being taken by the Secretary of the Association, independent of the official course now being adopted by Mr. Findlay, to advise every druggist in the province of the official ban which has fallen upon the medicated wine and tonic port.

HUNTING THE PICKLED ONION.

The new curate's wife was a very sweet-natured and truly kind little soul, and did a great deal of practical good in her husband's parish. During the festive season she decided to give a Yeast to the aged poor of the district.

All went well, and the old people were having a fine time, when the curate's wife suddenly noticed that one old fellow did not seem to be getting on very well with his dinner.

"What is the matter, Mr. Smith?" she asked. "Isn't it cut to your liking?" "Fine, ma'am—fine, thank!" mumbled the old chap. "But, ye see, ma'am, I've a pickled onion in me mouth, and, having no but one tooth left in me head, it's a bit awkward like to catch it. I'll be all right, thank, ma'am. Just, 'e wait till I get hold on 'um!"—Tit-Bits.

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This store will be open Monday as usual until 6 o'clock

A Sale Extraordinary 12 Handsome Plush Coats Go On Sale Monday at Big Reductions



A Sale that is of unusual interest because of the high character of the Coats and the timely reduction coming as it does in the midst of the holiday shopping season. Note the following reductions.

One Handsome Model is made of best quality Salt's plush, double-breasted style, with panels on sides and fullness in back, elaborately trimmed with sable; lined throughout with figured silk poplin in mauve shade. Regular \$75.00
Monday \$49.95

Another Handsome Model is made of Salt's plush, cut loose and long, with bell all around. The large cape collar and cuffs are trimmed with blind-stitched fur, lined with heavy figured silk. Regular \$67.50 value.
Monday \$49.95

A Beautiful Coat of Salt's plush, attractive style, made with novelty belt and large collar, trimmed with beaver cloth, beautifully lined throughout with Paisley silk; size 42. Regular \$42.50
Monday \$29.95

Two other Handsome Coats come in Salt's plush, in all black, with large collar and belt, beautifully lined throughout. Regular \$42.50 value.
Monday \$29.95

OTHER HANDSOME COATS.

Regular \$39.50 value, Monday \$29.95
Regular \$37.50 value, Monday \$29.95
Regular \$35.00 value, Monday \$22.95
Regular \$32.50 value, Monday \$22.95
Regular \$29.50 value, Monday \$22.95

—Mantles, First Floor

As Christmas Gifts Gloves Always Please

The New Novelty Glove in Perrin's make, made of fine French kid, in black and white with fancy white and black stitching; pique sewn, soft cuff, strap at wrist and one pearl dome fastener; sizes 5½ to 7. Price \$3.00
Perrin's Pique Glove Kid Gloves, in black and white, black with white stitching and white with black stitching. A good, strong wearing glove, in all sizes. Price \$2.50
Fine Glove Kid Gloves in white and white with black points; made with oversewn seams and two dome fasteners; sizes 5½ to 7. Price \$1.50
Dent's Chamis Gloves, made of specially prepared washable chamis leather, pique sewn and fastened with two pearl buttons at wrist; sizes 5½ to 7. They wash well and are very satisfactory. Price \$1.65
Perrin's Washable Cape Gloves, in tan, mastic and white with heavy points and fancy stitching; sizes 5 to 7. Price \$2.25
If in doubt as to size or color buy a Glove Bond, issued for any amount at Glove Counter.
—Gloves, Main Floor

Gift Handkerchiefs. Prettily Boxed

Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, ¼ and ½ inch hems, 12½¢ each or \$1.35 dozen.
Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, ¼ and ½ inch hems, 15¢ each or \$1.65 dozen.
Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, ¼ and ½ inch hems, 20¢ each or \$2.25 dozen.
Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, ¼ and ½ inch hems, 25¢ each or \$2.85 dozen.
Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, ¼ and ½ inch hems; extra quality, 35¢ each or \$3.75 dozen.
Pure Linen Centres, for tatting and crocheting; sizes 5½, 7, 8, 9, 9½, 10 and 10½. Price, 20¢ and 25¢ each.
Gent's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, full size, with ¼ inch hems, 35¢ each or 3 for \$1.00.
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Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, with hand-worked initials, plain initials or with embroidered spray. Very pretty sprays. Price, 25¢ each.
Ladies' Lawn Initial Handkerchiefs, hem-stitched. Special, 10¢ each or 3 for 25¢.
Gent's Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, Old English lettering, hand worked. Price, 35¢ each or 3 for \$1.00.
Madette Handkerchiefs in pretty designs, also fine Handkerchiefs with flit motif inset at corner. Price, 50¢ each.
Lisse Handkerchiefs in indelible colors, guaranteed. Price, 20¢ each.
"La Rose" Handkerchiefs with new raised Dresden rose, very pretty, colors and white, 35¢ each or 3 for \$1.00.
All Handkerchiefs put up in dainty Christmas boxes.
—Handkerchiefs, Main Floor

Christmas Novelties

Violet Corsage Bouquets, in single and double blooms, very pretty effects. Price \$50¢
Silk Roses in pink, red, rose and saxe. A dainty addition on your waist. Price \$25¢
Silk Scarves in sport stripes of bizarre hues, slightly imperfect in weave. Special at \$2.70

Gift Umbrellas in Great Variety

Short Handled Umbrellas, with Gloria covers; handles are assorted, in black, brown and grey. They have cord attached and are handy for carrying. Price \$3.75
Another Smart Umbrella comes with short handle and attached, fine Gloria covers of useful size. Priced at \$4.75
Something quite new are these Short Handled Umbrellas, with sterling silver ring attached, which makes them very convenient for carrying. Made with fine Gloria covers. Price \$5.50
Another range of Umbrellas with short handles, sterling silver rings attached, in various sizes; fine Gloria covers; handles are assorted, in black, grey and brown. Price \$6.75
Silk Umbrellas in navy and green, with short handles and cord attached. Price \$7.50
—Umbrellas, Main Floor

Dainty Neckwear Suitable for Christmas Gifts

A fine range of High Neck Collars, with jabot in net, trimmed with Val lace and allover shadow lace; also Turndown Collars in wash silk, georgette, crepe, organdie and muslin; square, sailor, shoulder point and the new long front effects. Price \$1.25
Dainty Collars in net, lace, satin and georgette crepe. Many styles, such as the high neck with jabot, square, sailor, shoulder point and the new long front effect. Price \$1.25
A good range of High Neck Collars with jabot in net, trimmed with Val lace; georgette crepe, in plain or trimmed and allover lace. Price \$1.75
Very smart high neck shapes in opalescent lace, net and georgette combined; georgette daintily trimmed with lace, also Turndown Collars with long front effect in satin and georgette, trimmed with pearl buttons and flit lace. Priced at \$2.25
Pretty High Neckwear with jabots, in georgette crepe, lace and net; also Turndown Collars with long fronts. These are very smart for one-piece dresses. Price \$3.00
Beautiful High Neck Collars with jabot, made of very fine lace and georgette crepe, plain hemstitched or trimmed with lace. Price \$3.50
—Neckwear, Main Floor

Had You Thought of Dainty Lingerie?

Crepe Gowns in flesh color, with colored figures, butterflies, bow knots and blue birds, finished with tailored seams or edgings. Price \$2.95
Dainty Batiste Gowns in blue bird designs, trimmed with edgings and ribbon bows. Price \$1.95
"Witchery Crepe" Gowns in flesh or white, with touches of hand-embroidery in colors; Empire or loose styles, daintily finished with shirring and picotting. Price \$3.50 and \$4.50
Pretty Gowns, made of fine nainsook, in slipover kimono style; yokes of fine embroidery, finished with pure Val lace. Price \$2.25
Envelope Chemise of witchery crepe, in flesh or white, daintily embroidered in colors; French hand-picotting. Price \$3.25
Corset Covers in many pretty styles, made of fine nainsook and trimmed in many novel effects with lace and embroidery; all sizes. Price \$1.25
Dainty Corset Covers, made of fine muslin and elaborately trimmed with fine lace and embroidery yokes; all sizes. Price \$1.50
—First Floor

IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT, GIVE A GLOVE BOND

Silk Hosiery for Christmas Giving

Silk Hose in fine quality, grey, navy, champagne, white and black, with fancy stripe. Price, pair \$2.00
Fine Silk Hose, in champagne, navy, white and black with fancy clox or rings of one or three stripes. Price, pair \$1.75
Silk Hose, made with plain or ribbed elastic top; colors sky, pink, mauve, purple, silver, suede, dark grey, canary, champagne, dark tan, nigger brown, white and black. Price, pair \$1.50
Fine Quality Silk Hose in shades of silver, grey, smoke, champagne, navy, white and black. Price, pair \$1.25
Black Silk Hose, an excellent quality, extra length and elastic top; sizes 8½ to 10. Price, pair \$1.00
Fibre Silk Hose, in shades of champagne, grey, pink, new blue and black. Price, pair \$1.00
—Hosiery, Main Floor



Teddy Bear Suits for Children

Teddy Bear Suits for ages one to four years. They come in brushed or plain heavy knit in shades of rose, grey, saxe, scarlet and white. Price, \$2.75 to \$5.00
Infants' Cream Corduroy Coats, out full and long, with large collar and cuffs, trimmed with braid. Sizes 6 months to 3 years. Prices, \$3.50 to \$4.50
Infants' Quilted Silk Jackets, in pink and sky, with dainty floral designs. Price \$1.65
—First Floor